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THE WHEAT FIGHT.

Rumor That Young Leiter Gets Tips From England.

WAR WOULD GAIN MILLIONS FOR HIM

His Father Thinks the Market Will Be Quiet Until After the First of the Year and Is Confident Regarding the Situation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Persons around the board of trade think young Joseph Leiter gets tips from abroad regarding the condition of things over there and put this down as a reason why he is such a persistent bull.

In the present condition of the wheat market and the supposed limited supply outside of Chicago and the other great grain markets, a declaration of war would send wheat up at least 50 cents per bushel and afford a market for all of this cereal that could be shipped out of the country. In that case young Leiter would make millions of money on the 7,000,000 bushels of wheat he will have in the Chicago elevators on the last day of this month and could set the price to suit himself.

It is estimated that perhaps the British foreign office may possess secrets that no one in this country has any means of obtaining, and those secrets might possibly have been made known in some way in Chicago. Young Leiter was a wheat bull at the time of the breaking out of the Turco-Grecian war and, it is said, made fully $500,000.

Leiter says he doesn't care whether he ships out any wheat now or not and laughs at elevator charges, insurance, expenses of handling, shipping, etc. The board of trade operators look for quiet and uneventful times from this on to the new year.

"I think the situation will remain unchanged," said L. Z. Leiter. "From this on until after the first of the year it will be quiet. Of course, after then those who have balances which they sold will have to—well, that's none of my concern. I look for nothing stirring."

Few believe that settlement day, the last of this month, is to be celebrated with the kind of display that sometimes marks the squeezing of the shorts. Capital being limited, panicky conditions have been absent. The big losers have come to the front and taken their punishment, and if there are any unseen shorts they are said to be haphazard traders—men without judgment. These people may suffer on Dec. 31, but wiseacres believe the big guns have ceased firing—actual hostilities are at an end. The Leiters have their wheat. It is for them to sell it at a profit in the foreign market. About this neither father nor son appears to be disturbed.

...begins to look as if there might be ...00 bushels of contract wheat here ...end of the month. It is now fig... ...contract stock in three days ...1,300,000 bushels. With ...vs' movement there will probably be a further increase of 1,500,000 bushels, and that would make the total around 8,000,000 bushels. There were indications in the pit yesterday that the Leiter party had figured there might be more cash wheat here than they had bought for December. In such a case if the market were left without protection the liquidation of a little extra cash wheat surplus might cause a bad break in the December. This by some is supposed to be the explanation of the moderate December buying by the Leiter interest the last two days.

Disappointed Woman Attempts Suicide.

ATLANTA, Dec. 23.—Miss Adah Elam, who for many years occupied the position of postmistress of the house of representatives, took morphine in an attempt to commit suicide. She was found in an unconscious condition in a room on the third floor of the state capitol. It is thought she will recover. It is said the deed was caused by her failure to obtain the appointment of assistant state librarian.

Favors Publication of Pension List.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Commissioner Evans of the pension bureau is a strong advocate of the policy of publishing the entire list of persons who draw pensions from the government. He expects that a bill for this purpose will be introduced in congress when it reassembles in January.

Julia Marlowe Ill.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Miss Julia Marlowe, the well known actress, who was to have been one of the leading Christmas attractions in this city, has been compelled by serious illness to cancel her engagement at the Grand Opera House and will leave as soon as possible for New York.

New Governor For Puerto Rico.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—General Gonzales Munez will be nominated governor general of Puerto Rico in succession to Lieutenant General Marin. The chamber will be dissolved on Jan. 20 next, and the elections for the new house will be held on Feb. 20. The date for reassembling is April 10.

Two Killed by Dynamite.

OLD FORGE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Bert Scrafford of West Berne, Albany county, and Charles Clifford, a woodsman, were killed by an explosion of dynamite at Clearwater, where they were at work with others on the construction of the Clearwater railroad.

Wife Beater Ratcliffe Convicted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor charged with wife beating, was found guilty of assault in the third degree at 3 minutes of 1 o'clock today. The maximum penalty is one year in prison, $500 fine or both.

Woman Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A woman named Freda Schlientz was burned to death and half a dozen persons had a narrow escape at a fire in a five-story apartment house at 229 East Ninety-fifth street yesterday.

CHINA BUYS RIFLES.

Russia Furnishes the Arms, With Time For Payment.

THE MIKADO GREATLY DISTURBED.

The London Times Refers Sarcastically to Germany's Claims, and Russian Papers Are Also Ironical at the Expense of the German Empire.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Peking correspondent of The Times says:

"The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money. In the face of this indication of permanent occupation the necessity of safeguarding our position in the far east increases.

"The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the agent of the Russian government, has offered China 120,000 berdan rifles, with payment five years hence. China has accepted the proposal."

Another dispatch says: "The situation at Kiao Chau bay is unchanged. Germany remains unyielding, and the Chinese counsels are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany. China regards Russia as her only friend and is asking her advice alone.

"British influence is nil, having suffered greatly through the failure of the loan negotiations. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in north China, and it is probable that it will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the expiration of their contracts and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies of north China."

According to a dispatch to The Times from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the mikado's ministers. Long cabinet councils have been held, and the high military officials have attended.

The Japanese newspapers, the dispatch says, are nonplussed at the situation in the far east, while the ministry is involved in domestic troubles connected with its taxation proposals, to which the diet is hostile.

The Times, in an editorial on the situation, sarcastically asks whether the German press in claiming a Russo-German entente in China and Emperor William in his speech at Graudenz anticipated Russia's demand for the removal of German drill sergeants from the Chinese army.

It adds with reference to the demand for the dismissal of the English engineers, "Our Peking correspondent says China is hesitating, and possibly we may be able to appeal to motives at Peking which will strengthen China's disinclination to comply with the Russian request for the dismissal of the Britishers."

With reference to the probability of Russia advancing China money to pay the war indemnity to Japan and thus compelling Japan to evacuate Wei Hai Wei, The Times openly recognizes the advisability of an Anglo-Japanese entente, arguing that the combined British and Japanese fleets would be well able to prevent a disturbance of the balance of power in China. Other London papers express the same opinion.

European Powers Warned.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—The Deutsche Zeitung says: "The United States, which, from its geographical position, has a greater interest in the opening up of China than all the European powers together, cannot possibly consent to its partition or to a division into spheres of influence without having a voice in the matter. It would be a great mistake to underestimate the strength of the United States, and a partition of China would be impossible without America's approval and participation. The European powers will do well to give timely attention to the just aspirations and interests of the United States."

Russian Papers Ironical.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Some of the Russian papers are ironical at Germany's expense. The Bourse Gazette of Odessa hints that by the time Prince Henry and the German squadron reach China they may find the tsung li yamen has prepared an unexpected reception for intrusive guests. The Mirovige Otgoloski reminds Emperor William of Napoleon III's attempt to plant his power in Mexico.

Canada Gets $464,000 Damages.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The Canadian government received last night a communication from the arbitrators appointed to deal with the claims of the Bering sea sealers against the United States government for losses caused by the seizure of their vessels, submitting the award. The arbitrators were Judge King of the supreme court of Canada and Judge Putnam of the United States. The award is $464,000, with two reserved cases, that of the Black Diamond for $5,000 and the Ada for $1,000.

Would Hang Editors.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Hon. Samuel H. Blake, accompanied by several gentlemen representing the Prisoners' Aid association, appeared before the Ontario government and advocated secret court trials, the hanging of all editors who published reports of criminal cases and the revival of the treadmill in jails and prisons. His mediæval ideas were not well received by the ministers.

Shipherd Gives Heavy Bail.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—John J. Shipherd, the broker who is charged with embezzlement by Frank de Haas Robison, was bound over to the common pleas court by Justice Bauder in the sum of $10,000 yesterday afternoon. Bond was furnished for the amount and Shipherd released.

THE LAMBERT MYSTERY.

Doctors Perform an Autopsy on the Murdered Man—No Trace of Assassins Yet.

WILTON, Conn., Dec. 22.—Medical Examiner Gorham of this town, assisted by Medical Examiner Burke of Norwalk, Dr. Tracey of Norwalk and Dr. Mansfield of Georgetown, performed an autopsy on the body of David S. Lambert, the victim of the brutal shooting affair of last Friday, who died at his home yesterday. The examiners reported the deceased came to his death from gunshot wounds in the brain and chest. All the physicians expressed amazement that the man lived at all after being shot when the extent of the wounds was revealed by the autopsy.

The house in which the crime was committed was the oldest house in the village and was built in 1715. Three generations of Lamberts had previously resided there. The murdered man was born in the family homestead Jan. 23, 1852. He entered Yale with high honors, but owing to ill health was obliged to discontinue his studies in the second year. He afterward passed a successful examination for a position in the signal service at Washington, but was again forced by ill health to give up the position.

Later he became a professor of languages in a private academy in Washington. In 1882 he founded the Lambert academy, which he continued as a successful private school until about three years ago, when he discontinued it. His pupils included children of some noted New York families.

Thus far, the officials allege, there is no trace of the murderers.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The station agent at Koswick, Cal., killed a masked robber.

Dr. Noah Fields of Stanford university has accepted a professorship in Tientsin university, China.

Five prominent political prisoners were executed at the command of President Barrios in Guatemala.

Complete returns show a plurality of 4,079 for Josiah Quincy, Democratic candidate for mayor of Boston.

The Pennsylvania Republican state committee has decided to hold the next state convention at Harrisburg June 2, 1898.

The funeral of Miss Leila Herbert was held yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's church, Washington, and the burial will be in Montgomery, Ala.

Charles Kunzmiller, assistant cashier of the defunct German National bank of Denver, was found guilty of making false reports to the comptroller of the currency.

Schooners Searched For Arms.

KEY WEST, Dec. 23.—Several schooners leaving port were treated to a surprise. The battleship Maine's launch fired a shot as a command for them to halt. Not understanding the signal, they proceeded on their course, but another shot brought them to. They were boarded by naval officers and thoroughly searched, but no arms or ammunition was found, and they were allowed to proceed. The Maine's officers are unusually alert, and there must be strong ground for suspecting that a filibustering expedition is being planned, for the battleship coasted along the islands several times during the night, putting all vessels under the inquisitive glare of her searchlights.

Marshals Stop a Mob.

POMEROY, O., Dec. 23.—The expected invasion by Ohio miners into West Virginia to stop the nonunion miners from working at New Haven was a failure. The 100 men who did get there were served with injunctions by United States deputy marshals, restraining them from going on to the premises of the Consumers' Coal Mining company. Fifty nonunion men worked in the mines undisturbed. The sheriff and deputies left the scene last night. Two United States officers are still there, but no trouble is anticipated.

Gathering Gold In Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Mining machines are being introduced in Brown county by gold miners. In the last few years $40,000 worth of gold, marketed at $22 an ounce, has been taken from the streams of the county, but the people have been slow to realize the value of the gold bearing sand. It is believed that the hills contain rich veins. Lately the farmers gathered the gold by cradling the sand and picking the grains of gold from the sand on the points of knives.

Telegraph Operators May Strike.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23. — Indications point to a strike of the telegraph operators on the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific railroad. The telegraphers' committee has been interviewing officials of the road for some weeks looking to an agreement regarding salaries and hours, but has met with little success. An interview with Vice President Shaughnessy has been arranged, and it is expected that a strike will be ordered if some arrangement is not made at that meeting.

Broker Hathaway's Pardon Stands.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The action of the executive council last week in voting pardon and release for Welcome H. Hathaway of Fall River, the cotton broker, convicted in 1893 of making false entries, etc., has met with the governor's approval, and Hathaway is pardoned. His pardon takes effect today, and Hathaway will spend Christmas in the bosom of his family.

Hamburg's Dam Sold.

SHELBYVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Mr. Sam Brown has sold to Ed H. Tipton of Lexington Lady Reel, the dam of the 2-year-old Hamburg, for $15,000 cash. Mr. Tipton, it is said, has the mare placed for $20,000. Lady Reel is in foal to the sire of Hamburg, Hanover. The price received for her is the highest any brood mare ever brought in Shelby county.

SLAIN BY BOATMEN.

How Montgomery and Epps Were Killed by Japanese.

ARRESTS FOLLOWED IN EACH CASE.

The Emperor's Representatives at Washington Say the Affair Cannot Assume an International Aspect—New York Man Thinks Epps Was His Son.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Further details of the killing of the two American sailors attached to the United States fleet in Japan have been received here and have been brought to the attention of the department of state, which has begun an investigation. Montgomery, it appears, was killed in Yokohama Sept. 2 last. He was not intoxicated, but was murdered by boatmen. Epps' case was similar, except that he was killed at Nagasaki during the present month. He had been on leave and was returning aboard ship when murdered. The testimony gathered shows that he was perfectly sober, and some sailors on a passing ship, hearing cries for help, looked over the water in time to see him being thrown from his boat. Lacking a small boat, they could not succor him.

His body was found several days later floating in the bay. The Japanese government was appealed to in each case, and while some arrests have been made, the American residents in Japan feel that the perpetrators of the murders are still at large. It is said that every Japanese boat in the harbor is obliged to register its passengers before carrying them off shore, so that under ordinary conditions it should be easy to find the guilty parties.

At the Japanese legation it was stated that the matter had not yet been brought to their attention. The legation officials do not regard the matter as serious. They say the Japanese government gives the amplest protection to foreign citizens and sailors and that if there has been any laxity in these cases the government undoubtedly will make the fullest inquiry and reparation.

It is pointed out, however, that crimes of a local and individual character cannot assume an international aspect, as the government is in no way connected with them, its only province being to see that the laws are executed impartially, giving the same protection to foreigners as to Japanese subjects.

In the affray at Kobe, Japan, last September, in which a number of American sailors from the Yorktown were injured, it is said that the trouble was between the sailors and coolies, and that the Japanese police came to the assistance of the American sailors. The cases are said to be substantially similar to a number which have occurred in the western states in which Japanese subjects have been assaulted by mobs. Several of the latter cases are now pending before the state department, complaints having been made by Japanese.

Thinks Epps Is His Son.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—As reported from Washington, meager details of the killing of Frank Epps, an apprentice on the flagship Olympia, said to be a native of New York, and a sailor named Montgomery, formerly attached to the Yorktown, recently reached the state department.

John M. Epps, a cabinetmaker, whose place of business is 424 East Twenty-seventh street, says that he has good reason to believe that the Frank Epps mentioned in the dispatches is his son, Peter Epps, who left home about three years ago. The last heard of the young man was about two and a half years ago, when he wrote to his father from White Plains, N. Y., saying that he was going west.

His parents say that the young fellow was of an adventurous disposition and frequently stated his inclination to join the navy. He was a frequent visitor to the war vessels in the navy yard here and took a deep interest in battleships and cruisers of other nations which visited this port.

Mr. Epps is of the opinion that his son reached the Pacific coast since he last heard of him and there joined the American navy. He described his son as being about 21 years old, of medium height, though inclined to be tall, when he left home, having a mole on his right cheek near the ear and another on his stomach and a scar on his left shoulder caused by scalding. Those who knew Frank Epps in life will probably be able to determine whether he is the missing Peter Epps by these marks.

Plaintiff Becomes Defendant.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 23.—Three attachments aggregating $120,000 were filed against Mrs. Julia B. French, wife of Benjamin French of Boston, by Francis Appleton, William H. Abbott and Samuel H. Guyot, all of Boston, in an action of tort. It seems that the three men sold to Mrs. French some Colorado mining stock and the latter had them arrested on the ground that she had been defrauded. They were tried in the municipal court and discharged for lack of evidence. The action will be for damages for alleged false arrest.

Engine Kills Wife, Injures Husband.

ONEONTA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Edward Fox and his wife, both of Davenport Center, while returning home from this place, were struck at Emmons, two miles from here, by light engine No. 166. Mrs. Fox was killed, and Fox received a fractured skull and is unconscious. Timothy Smith of this city was the engineer. Coroner Van Cleft will make an investigation of the accident.

Mitchell For Assistant Comptroller.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is understood that Leander Mitchell of Indiana will soon be appointed by the president assistant comptroller of the treasury in place of Mr. Bowers, resigned.

PLUCKY YOUNG ROOD.

Youthful Watchman Captures Thieves Single Handed, Shooting Two.

CANAAN, Conn., Dec. 23.—Young Martin Rood, on guard at the North Canaan Savings bank and the store of Jackson & Eggleston, yesterday captured four burglars single handed and sent a fifth, the leader of the band, limping away, leaving behind him bloodstained tracks in the snow.

Rood wounded seriously one of the burglars he captured, crippled another and then with blows and kicks forced the uninjured members of the band to drag their wounded comrades to a partitioned part of the building, while he stood in the doorway firing his revolver to summon help. Rood, whom Canaan folk call a stripling, had been guarding the place at night for three weeks and in that time had already shot one marauder.

The leader of the band escaped by crashing through a window, carrying with him a bullet from Rood's revolver, and by blood spots and the marks left in the snow by his stocking feet was tracked across the state line into Massachusetts, where all trace was lost. He was the originator, so his comrades say, of the plot to make a wholesale raid on Jackson & Eggleston's store and to rob the North Canaan Savings bank, which is in the same building, in the office of which Rood slept.

This man is Denny Hickey, a former convict, so the shattered band say, and an acquaintance of Charles A. Bonai, the convicted murderer of Marcus Nichols. They say, too, that Hickey was jailed as a vagrant in Danbury, where he was picked up from a South Norwalk train the day after David S. R. Lambert was fatally shot and robbed in his home at Wilton, six miles from South Norwalk.

ELECTRICIANS UNEASY.

One of the Patents Taken Out by Mr. Hunter Is Very Broad.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Rudolph M. Hunter's three patents on inventions relating to the transmission of electrical energy are, it is reported, causing much uneasiness among manufacturers and users of electrical machinery throughout the country. Whatever may be finally decided by the courts, there can be no question that he has in one of them a patent broad enough to give basis to his claim—that it places it in his power to collect tribute from every user of the alternating current.

Patent authorities here believe that it will be hard to overturn his claim. The application was filed in 1883, when the employment of electrical power was in its infancy. It was first rejected by the examiner and board of appeals on the ground that it had been anticipated, especially by French patents to Deprez and Carpentier. Since then it has been divided and amended, until the patents were issued.

Most of Mr. Hunter's patents are owned by the General Electric company, and it had been supposed that Mr. Hunter assigned this one to them. The record in the patent office shows he transferred it on June, 1887, to George W. K. Stephens of Philadelphia.

Gets Her Reward After Long Years.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 23.—In 1857 Mrs. C. F. McLellen of this city attended the Reformed Sunday school at Williamsburg, N. Y., and for reciting perfectly the shorter catechism won a Bible. Her parents moved away before the Bible came, and she did not get her prize. Last summer she learned that her teacher of long ago was living in Newark, N. J., and wrote to her. In her first answer her teacher spoke of the Bible incident, which Mrs. McLellen had long forgotten, but which the teacher, Mrs. Andrew White, had not. Mrs. White said the Bible would be sent, and yesterday it was received, just 40 years after it was awarded.

Charges Against a Girls' Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charges that forms of punishment which are unlawful and unmerciful have long been in use in the Protestant Episcopal House of Mercy at Inwood, a home for girls, resulted in the issuing of a writ of habeas corpus by Justice Smyth yesterday directing that Fanny Hirschberg, one of the inmates, be produced in court. The writ was obtained by the girl's mother.

Twenty Sail For Alaska.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The schooner Frank A. Rackliff, commanded by Captain George F. Kane, left East Boston for Seattle, Wash. The Rackliff carries a party of 20, who will operate in the Yukon region. Philip Stingle of the Boston Athletic association, the well known jumper, is in the party. It is expected that the schooner will reach her destination in about 130 days.

Many Hurt by a Train.

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 23.—Thirty-six millhands, men and women, with a song on their lips, seated in a covered stage, were struck by a freight train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad near here last evening. Twenty of them were badly injured. That none was killed is unaccountable. Many were removed by friends. Others were taken to St. Mary's hospital.

Lace Curtain Starts a Big Blaze.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A brisk blaze in the airshaft of Hotel Royal, an apartment house in the Back Bay, caused a loss of between $8,000 and $10,000, principally by water. The building is owned by the P. C. Brooks estate. A lace curtain coming in contact with a gas jet caused the fire.

Anson to Manage the Browns.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.—Captain A. C. Anson has agreed to manage the St. Louis club next year, provided the plans of M. R. Collins, a prominent real estate dealer of St. Louis, and Edward Busch, a brewer of this city, materialize

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WARNER IN ALBANY.

Arch Kidnaper Arrives From Kansas In Custody.

POLICE FOOL AN EXPECTANT CROWD.

Warner, With a Grizzly Vandyke Beard and Slouch Hat, Looks Very Different From the Smooth Lawyer Who Stole Little Johnny Conway.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Albert S. Warner, the arch conspirator of the Johnny Conway kidnaping case, was lodged in the Albany county jail last night. He came from Buffalo with Detective McCann, who arrested him, and Captain Woods of the district attorney's office, on the Southwestern limited, scheduled to arrive in this city at 2:30 o'clock p. m., but which was 1 hour and 10 minutes late, arriving here at 3:40.

The train was stopped at West Albany, which is about four miles from the railroad station in this city, where it was met by Chief Willard and Detective Nolan of the city police force.

There was nobody at the little West Albany station but the officers of the law, as it had been announced that Warner would not be taken from the train before it reached this city.

As soon as Warner was taken from the train he was bundled into a hack with his four protectors and driven to police headquarters, whence he was quickly transferred to the county jail. A crowd was waiting for the train at the Albany station, and when a police sergeant who, with a squad of men, had been detailed as a decoy at the station, announced that the noted prisoner had been taken off at West Albany, a few shouts of derision went up and then everybody made a rush for police headquarters and the county jail to meet Warner when he arrived there from West Albany.

When he arrived at the jail, Warner was taken across the Bridge of Sighs instead of in at the front door. The crowd laughed, and Warner himself looked down and smiled twice. Nobody would have known that it was Warner, save for the fact that there was a stranger shackled to Captain Woods and Detective McCann.

He had on a slouch hat with a peak and a heavy ulster coat. He wore a grizzly Vandyke beard and did not look at all like the sleek individual he did when he was wandering around in Albany three months ago conniving with Blake and Hardy to kidnap Johnny Conway.

The Indian Courts Must Go.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A delegation of Cherokee Indians, consisting of W. A. Duncan, Simon Walkingstick, David Faulkner, Lacy Hawkins, J. M. Lahay and Shake Manus, is in this city for the purpose of securing a delay in the date at which federal judicial jurisdiction is to be extended over the Indian Territory, which, under the act of congress, becomes effective on Jan. 1. Secretary Bliss told the delegation that, although the government had the best interests of the Indians at heart, yet in the present case it could not accede to their wishes. Congress had adjourned for the holidays, and it was impossible to do anything in the line indicated without legislative sanction.

Ladue Buys a Steamer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—C. P. Huntington has sold the 2,500 ton iron steamship Morgan City, now lying in the Erie basin, and it will sail with freight and passengers in the course of two or three weeks for Seattle and south Alaska ports. The purchaser is Joseph Ladue, and the price is about $250,000. Mr. Ladue has given an order for several other steamers for the transportation business. The Morgan City will be added to the fleet and will run between Seattle and Dyea and Skagguay until June 1, when she will start with freight and passengers for St. Michaels, connecting at that place with the river boats owned by the company.

Street Car Officials In Trouble.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Edward S. Whitaker, president of the Lindell Railway company; Corwin H. Spencer, president of the Southern Electric railway; John Scullin, president of the Union Depot railway, and Captain Robert McCulloch, general manager of the Cass Avenue and Fair Grounds railway. The four officials are charged with having failed to provide vestibules during the months of November, December, January, February and March of each year for the protection of motormen, as required by a statute enacted at the last session of the Missouri legislature.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Vermont—Eden, Harlan W. Shattuck. New York—Almeda, Loren H. Elmendorf; East Pembroke, John H. Dickinson; Eminence, Arthur W. Phase; Hobart, James R. Rich; Hume, N. M. Wells; Margaretville, James H. Hitt; Manchester, John W. Overacre; Mount Vision, Henry C. Bunn; Sullivanville, Alexander Bummer; Triton, John F. Cornwell. Pennsylvania—Blandon, A. G. Rothermel; Little Gap, John I. Roth; Magic, N. H. Thompson.

Well Nigh a Million Scholars.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.—The state department of public instruction has about completed the compilation of the biennial school census recently taken, and it shows the school population in cities and villages of the state having a population of more than 10,000 inhabitants to be approximately 925,000. The returns from New York city and Brooklyn have not been completed as yet, but they are estimated at 393,000 and 210,000 respectively. The other city in the Greater New York territory, Long Island City, has 10,948.

Firedamp Kills Miners.

DORTMUND, Prussia, Dec. 23.—An explosion of firedamp took place at the Kaiser Stuhlzweipat with terrible results. Eight corpses have been brought to the surface and seven men living, but severely injured. There are five still missing.

Costly Church Windows Shattered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. A flashlight photographic apparatus exploded in the chantry of Grace church, at Eleventh street and Broadway, and shattered two priceless stained glass windows.

CANADA AND UNITED STATES.

A Story They Are Telling the Other Side of the Line.

A writer in the Toronto Printer and Publisher, commenting on the tendency of some of our United States cousins to indulge in "tall tales," recalls an incident that occurred in Montreal at the time that the press of the United States was threatening that the $5,500,000 awarded to Canada by the Halifax arbitration would not be paid.

Lord Dufferin had just got back from a visit to Washington. There had been objections raised in congress to paying the money. Lord Dufferin saw that a joke would relieve the strain. He looked round the large banqueting hall of the Windsor hotel and remarked with pretended solemnity: "No, gentlemen, I have not brought it back in my pocket. Our $5,500,000 of fish money was not handed to me across the counter by the president." He went on to say that he never even looked as if he wanted it, so convinced was he that all was right. In fact, he had heard that Gen. Ben Butler and others were going to move that the furniture in the congressional buildings should be pawned rather than that the States should remain in Canada's debt an hour longer than was necessary. He had not mentioned the matter to the secretary of state, but diplomatists had their own way of settling these things. They did not dispute like washwomen over a tub. A nod, a wink, meant a great deal. The secretary of state had maintained a pregnant silence, "and," said Lord Dufferin, "as speech is silver and silence is golden, I knew from the secretary's silence that he was not only going to pay up like a man, but pay up in gold like a gentleman."

When this speech was telegraphed to the United States press there was a roar of laughter from one end of the republic to the other. The pettiness of the dispute was recognized, and the money was paid over in a few weeks.

OPERATING ON A TIGER.

Entangled In a Net and Its Ingrowing Claw Cut Out.

An interesting operation was performed in Dublin some time ago by Dr. Samuel Haughton. A magnificent tiger, one of the finest in the Dublin zoological, was threatened with gangrene in the paw.

One of its claws becoming distorted, says Tid-Bits, had grown into the foot, and to save the tiger's life it was necessary to cut away the diseased portion. The operation was, to put it mildly, an exciting one. An immensely strong net was in the first place thrown over the tiger, and in the net he was drawn, struggling desperately, to the door of his cage. Four keepers, each of whom must have been endowed with uncommon courage as well as strength, then held the animal's paw while Dr. Haughton cut away the ingrowing claw.

Meanwhile the tigress, which had been placed in an adjoining den, was frantic with rage, flinging herself furiously against the bars in her mad effort to come to the rescue of her lord and master. When she was readmitted to the tiger's den after the operation she examined the wounded paw most tenderly, purring the while and licking her mate as if to soothe him.

Both animals appeared to have realized that the operation was a beneficial one, for a week afterward, when Dr. Haughton looked in to see how his patient was progressing, he was received in the friendlist way and was even allowed to examine the mutilated paw.

DISLOCATED HER HIP.

It Was a New One, and the Only Injury Was to Her Feelings.

It was at a well-known Broadway confectioner's where there is a soda fountain and always a stylish and thirsty crowd, composed chiefly of women. It was upon one of these women, pretty and young, that the eyes of two of the later comers were fastened, says the New York Times.

There was something peculiar about her. It was not in the make of her gown, which was all that fashion, good taste and a skillful tailor could make it. That was all right; only, at one side it had the appearance of being pulled up on the hip sufficiently high to show a pretty silk petticoat below it.

What could be the matter? The eyes of the two women were glued upon it.

"I have it," said one, and she fairly clapped her hands. "Do you see that, my dear? That girl is wearing the new false hips, as sure as you're born, and in this crowd one of them has been pushed up, and has pulled her gown with it."

And she was right. But the girl of the modern hips drank her soda with an air of perfect self-satisfaction and a clear conscience, and history does not relate how, when, or where, or the moral effect upon the young woman, when she discovered at last the world knew her as she really was.

Why They Wanted a Drink.

Five men on an Atlantic liner were thirsty. They ambled up to the bar. One wanted a drink because he was sick; another wanted a drink because he was sleepy; another wanted one because he couldn't sleep; another could not eat unless he had an appetizer. Finally an old soak demanded a drink because he liked it.

All Royalty Related.

Nearly all the royal personages of Europe are cousins, and not very far removed, as it has been laid down by a German genealogist that every crowned head of Europe, excepting Turkey, is descended from one or other of two sisters, who lived about 150 years ago.

Lewis Wins His Suit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The jury in the suit of John T. Lewis against the Long Island Railroad company to recover $50,000 for injuries sustained in the coach disaster on the Merrick road, yesterday awarded the plaintiff $1,000.



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From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Faryland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.

A Beauty Show—
Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any expectation you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress
of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.
12c China Dolls each 7c., 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c., 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and flowing hair, each 35c.; 50c Dressed Dolls each 35c., $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing
We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we not guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children
are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 19c., worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture, 5 and 10c., worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 18c Iron Wagon and Horse 39c., at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver, value 35c., at 19c. Big Iron State Banks 25 and 45c. Iron Ranges 25 and 45c. A few very large ones $1.50. Big Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 10c size, 75c. Iron Surrey, with horse, 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and fireman, a regular $1.50 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.
Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Blackboards 25, 35c.; with changeable figures 75c. Tool Chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 16c. Boys' Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Swings 18c. Nine Pins, per set, 19, 35 65c Babies' Rattles, Boys' Tops, Trumpets, Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China Tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or brass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.
Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.
It was said of a great physician, by one of his patients: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs prevade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each,
20c dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each,
Embroidered, plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each,
Fine plain white, hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each.
Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each,
Ladies' fine initialed hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each,
Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 49c Each,
Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.
You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens.
Nicely lined, fur tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves
or Mittens, lined, fur tops, $1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens
$1.00.

Holiday Umbrellas.
A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with fancy Congo, Wexel, Celluloid and Dresden handles $1.50, $1.98, $2.50 and $3.98 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.
A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods, and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.
It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season, so we have made after-season prices right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one, you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following fine goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats
of rich curly Boucle, fastened high at neck, rolling storm collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serge. Ladies' fine imported black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 32 to 44.

Misses' Reefer Jackets.
Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.
One lot Cloth Bound Books, many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.
We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods, nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20c at 10c., worth 30c at 15c., worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.
A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers
75, 98c and $1.25 each.

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers
Figured, $1, $1.50 and $1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains
$1.98 and $2.98 per pair.

Blankets.
Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35c a pair for a fair article, this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less than $1.25. $2 Blanket for $1 59 $2.50 Blanket for $1 98 $3 Blanket at $2.25, $3.75 Blanket at $2 98, 10/4 Blanket, strictly all wool warp and filling, fulshed both sides, $3.98 a pair

Fine California Wool Blankets
$4.98, $6.50 and $7.75 a pair.

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Not for one year, but for many. If you have a grain of common sense you will get your Christmas Presents for nothing. The following have already received their presents absolutely free

Mrs. I. C. Humphrey, Woodlawn avenue, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. E. H. Russell, Oriental Hotel, Onyx Table.
Mrs. Brennan, No. 3 Lyon street, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mr. L. L. Purdy, Holding House, Three Solid Oak Dining Chairs.
Mr. A. H. Johnson, Accordion.
Mrs. Dugan, 31 Beattie avenue, Three Solid Oak Dining Chairs.
Mrs. J. Rodman, Arlington Hotel, Fine Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. E. Madden, 25 Highland avenue, Fine Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. B. S. Dayton, 15 Hanford street, Camera.
Charles L Purdy, Banjo.
Mrs B. C. Woodward, 26 Highland avenue, Solid Oak Upholstered Rocker.
Mrs. J. F. Bennett, Bloomingburgh, 1 Onyx Table.
Mrs. Chas. Tyrell, 36 Smith St., ½ doz. each of Rogers' Silver Plated Knives and Forks.
Mr. Biddle, 82 East Main street, Mandolin.
Mrs. Flood, 22 Union street, Banquet Lamp.
Mrs. Doremus, 19 Mulberry street, Banquet Lamp.
Mrs. R E. Hulse, 112 Fulton street, Three Dining Chairs.
F. G Colville, 7 East avenue, Camera.
Everybody invited to call and see the Holiday Goods. NO GOODS SOLD.

Middletown Trading Stamp Co., No. 5 North Street.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 625, 605, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 6 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Ardsn. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4.49 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6.01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6.30 "	....6.32 a.m
16 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	....7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T	8.28 "	....8.35 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10.48 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G. exc'pt Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	....4.12 "
† 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
22 P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	...7.28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.08 p.m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
21 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.38 a.m
* 1 Day Express	10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	....1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	....3.37 "
† * 5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	....5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	....6.41 "
25 Middletown Way ar.	6.05 "	....8.08 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 38 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.08 p.m	
617 " " "	10 22 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	11.40 a.m
*115	" " "		6.55 p.m
601	Sun. only	11 00	11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH.

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	6.15 a.m
*130	" " "	6.40 pm

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No. 9	First Milk	7.45 a.m
No. 11	Second Milk	8.45 a.m
No. 1	Ontario Express	10.56 a.m
No. 7	Sullivan County Express	6.15 p.m
No. 5	Pacific Express	8.45 p.m
No. 21	Local	11.00 a.m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No. 8	Mountain Express	8.10 a.m
No. 22	Local	2.30 p.m
No. 2	New York Express	4.30 p.m
No. 12	First Milk	4.30 p.m
No. 10	Second Milk	7.35 p.m
No. 6	Atlantic Express	8.43 p.m

Trains leave New York at 8.10 and 7.40 a.m., 3.00 and 6.00 p.m.

J. C. ANDERSON, Pass. Agt.

Your Watch Needs Cleaning!

We have no doubt it does. Nine out of every ten Watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction need cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long and the result is worn pivots and general debility on the part of the watch.

A GOOD WATCH IS THE CHEAPEST in the LONG RUN,

and if it is carefully cleaned and oiled once a year, it will last a lifetime, yes, a hundred years. Such a watch is a source of satisfaction to its owner. He can meet an engagement or catch a train and never have to excuse himself with—my Watch must be slow.

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and her own company in the delightful musical comedy,

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NEW and Beautiful Scenery and Elegant Costumes and Catchy Music.

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New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

GEO. LEA'S SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL!

Will Take Place on the Above Night.

This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handsome Dress Pattern. To be seen in the store window of Geo B. Adams & Co., North street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Celluloid Necktie Box. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St.

To the Lady Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, a Pair of Newport Patent Leather Slippers. To be seen in A. Samuels' shoe store, 11 North St.

To the Best Lady Waltzer, a Lady's Hat. To be seen in L. Stern's window, on North street.

To the Homeliest Lady, a Parlor Lamp. To be seen in the window of Crawford's furniture store, on North street.

To the Prettiest Girl, a Bottle of Perfumery. To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, an Elegant Tea Gown. To be seen in Max Katzinger's window, Franklin Square.

To the Thinnest Man, an Immense Cake. To be seen in Iseman & Son's Bakery, on James street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Easy Chair. To be seen in the window of France & Hathaway's furniture store, on East Main street.

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Frank W. Vansickle's shoe store, 58 North St.

To the Homeliest Man, a Box of Cigars. To be seen in the window of Mills' Cigar Store, on North street.

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window, on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music, has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices:

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

Notice—Tickets purchased any time in advance ore 8 o'clock, Thursday night, Dec. 30th, will ntitled to a Ladies' Ticket Free.—Advance now on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's o.

some Complexion greatest charms a woman can ZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

Newburgh Bookkeeper Missed His Hold on a Moving Train and Got Into a Predicament.

Bookkeeper Belknap, of Washingtonville, employed in Shaw's carpenter shop at Newburgh, nearly missed his train at the former place, Wednesday morning, and would have received severe bruises had not a well known Middletowner seen his predicament and pulled him aboard.

Belknap ran hard to catch the train and was all out of breath as he caught up to the rear platform. The train was fast getting under good headway and Mr. Belknap missed the handle on the corner of the car, but caught the last railing on the rear of the platform. As he did so his legs swung out from beneath him and began to drag over the crushed stone. The Middletowner saw the predicament the man was in and reaching over caught him by both wrists.

The would-be passenger hung on to the rail with might and main, fearing that to loosen his hold would be to "Macadamize his face." The rescuer, however, broke the man's hold with pure force and lifted him up to safety on the rear platform.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

"Steve" Boyce, one of the best fellows, personally, who ever looked out of a baggage car door and who never dropped a trunk on a dog without a twinge of conscience, has sent a prophecy to the New York *Journal's* 1898 contest. He prophesies that he will stamp letters and not cold feet in Port Jervis after January 1st, when Postmaster Elston's term expires, and all of the newspaper boys here hope he's right.

This week has been a harvest for the merchants, but a hard one on newspaper reporters. Favorite stopping places for news have become real bazaars. The merchants and the clerks alike wear faces which plainly say: "You're welcome all the rest of the year, but can't you see we're too busy to be wasting any time with you."

"Everybody is buying a very large turkey this Christmas," said a market man, to-day.

Why? Because the Christmas dinner comes on Saturday, there'll be a little cold served Saturday night. What's left will be warmed up again for Sunday's dinner, and Sunday night the bone-picking will complete the job. Turkey meat is high just now, but really a big turkey means four cheap meals for an ordinary family.

Specialties at the Cottage Theatre, This Week.

The specialties at the Cottage Theatre, Mechanictown, this week, include Madden and Adams, comedy sketch artists and fancy dancers; Lulu Leonvid, character singer; Marie Barnes, serio-comic, and Addie Maher, Irish Biddy and clog dancer. Matinee Christmas. Last car leaves for Goshen at 12:20, Thursday and Christmas night, and for Middletown at 1 a. m.

Good Enough to Repeat.

There is no doubt concerning the superior merit of the Alonzo-Hatch Electro Photo Musical Co. for they appeared in this city last fall and gave excellent satisfaction. At Second Presbyterian Church Dec. 27. Tickets and reserved seats at J. E. Mills' drug store.

Sent to Albany Penitentiary For Five Months.

William Cannon, a hard character of this city, who has been watched by the police for weeks, was convicted of unlawfully riding on the cars, Wednesday, and sent to Albany Penitentiary for five months.

Fine New Coupe for H. R. Crow.

The Middletown Wagon Company has just received a fine Rockaway coupe for M. R. Crow, the proprietor of the Walbek farm.

BURLINGHAM.

Epworth League Election — Personal Notes—A Busy Auctioneer.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—A business meeting of the Epworth League was held in the hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, for the purpose of electing officers for the next year. The meeting opened by prayer, by the president of the meeting, Brother A. Romer. The following officers were elected: President, Sarah C. Trumbull; First Vice President, Hattie Holtslander; Second Vice President, Mrs. A. Romer; Third Vice President, Isaac Trumbull; Fourth Vice President, Helen Holtslander; Secretary and Treasurer, Elvira Ostrander.

—Prayer meeting is held at Bull's Hall every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

—Epworth League meeting Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

—George Holtslandsr has been quite sick but is improving.

—Leander Terwilliger has been laid up with a lame leg.

—B. E. Godfrey has had good many auctions this winter; he is an auctioneer you can depend on because he does what s right.

The Homeliest Man In Middletown

as well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

WURTSBORO.

Won a Watch—Successful Hunters—Handsome Monument—Chances to Pay Taxes—St. Joseph's Church Fair—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Cyrene Stanton won the watch raffled by Ed Doherty, Saturday evening.

—The Arcadian Male Quarteete gave excellent performances here, this week.

—Peter Flint, an attorney of New York city, and W. W. Blivin, of Yonkers, were guests of John Linton, Saturday. They bagged a nice assortment of game while hunting.

—W. F. Benedict has just erected a handsome monument for James Gumner, in Sylvan Cemetery.

—All other organizations will please not date entertainments about Feb. 1st. The band will hold a "nigger" show about that date.

—Miss Alice Reilley, of the Middletown State Hospital, spent Sunday at her home here.

—Tommie Cooney dug potatoes, last week.

—The Street Commissioner graveled some of the village streets, last week.

—William Godfrey, tax collector, will receive taxes at the Town Clerk's office here, Dec. 27th and Jan. 19th next.

—If the report be true that the O. and W. will light the tunnel by electricity from the Middletown plant, why cannot our village be included?

—The ladies of St. Joseph's Church will hold their annual fair at Dorrance Hall, beginning Christmas night and continuing every night, except Sundays, until and including Monday evening, Jan. 3d. An admission of ten cents to the hall will be charged unless the person or couple hold a twenty-five cent dancing ticket or a $1 season ticket. A grand ball will occur the closing night, and a supper will be served at fifty cents each person. Numerous valuable articles will be disposed of in the usual manner. A good time assured. Everybody invited.

—William Helm has completed a difficult job repairing the distemper coloring in the M. E. Church.

—Our male quintette, composed of Messrs. Newkirk, Benedict, Hubler, Bennett and St. John, add materially to the Sunday evening service at the Reformed Church.

MOUNT SALEM.

A Telephone Line Projected—Very Modest Maidens—Condition of the Sick—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—Dr. Nugent, of Unionville, is trying to get the people of Mount Salem and vicinity interested in a telephone from this place to Unionville and is meeting with fair success. Those who have had a telephone and know the value of one do not hesitate to take an interest, and it is to be hoped that residents all along the line to Unionville will assist and help the good work along.

—Of all the places for modest young ladies Mount Salem beats them all. A Trilby social was advertised to be held at the home of Ed. Carpenter, last week. Great preparations and plans were made and great fun was anticipated, but when the evening came and the hour arrived not a solitary girl would go behind the curtain and show her feet, so the young men had to take them to supper by choosing their faces, and to this day they don't know whether their girls have pretty feet or not.

—On account of the very cold day, not many horses were driven to church, Sunday morning and evening. The long talked of sheds have not been built yet and the winter is fast passing away.

—Miss Abbie Hoyt, of the Hoyt homestead, who has been quite seriously ill for the past two months, has very slightly improved during the past few days.

—Mrs. James Rogers, who was thought to be recovering from her recent serious illness has had a relapse and is not now expected to live.

—Mrs. B. S. Courtright, of this place, who has been ill for some time, is gradually failing in strength and not much hope of her recovery is entertained.

—J. R. Northrup, we are glad to say, is able to take short walks in the open air on pleasant days.

—Mrs. Edward Boothen, of Newark, N. J., is spending a few days visiting at the parsonage here.

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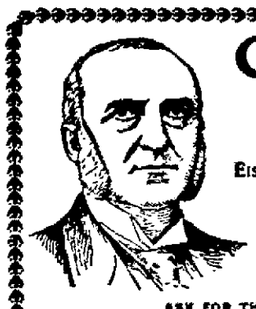
When people generally understand that all such fatal diseases as fistula, ulcer of the rectum, fissure, etc., almost invariably begin in a simple case of piles they will learn the wisdom of taking prompt treatment for the first appearance of troubles in this quarter. The Pyramid Pile Cure will certainly cure every form of piles, itching, bleeding, protruding or blind piles, and hundreds of lives have been saved by using this cheap but effective remedy right at the start, because at such a time a single package will effect a cure, while in the old chronic, deep seated cases, several packages are sometimes necessary before a lasting cure is effected.

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WRITES:

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December 16, 1895.

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Chauncey M. Depew

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Was the Heartfelt Exclamation of Many Who Were Cured by the Boy Wonder, Last Night.

THE CASINO THEATRE AGAIN THE SCENE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL CURES EVER ACCOMPLISHED.

The Boy Phenomenon Will Remain at the Russell House the Next Ten Days Only.

The intense interest that has been aroused over the scores of wonderful cures performed by the Boy Phenomenon was again manifested, last night, at the Casino Theatre, where this youthful miracle worker gave his second public demonstration in this city. The excitement created by this wonderful healer has never been paralleled by any personage who has visited this city, and the marvelous cures wrought by him during the past two nights have been everywhere discussed and commented upon as belonging to the times when Christ dispensed His divine power to heal the sick and crippled by the "laying on of hands." So it is with this boy, who is now in our midst carrying on the divine Christ-like work of curing afflicted humanity, although personally he disclaims any supernatural power whatever.

As on the occasion of his previous demonstrations, he treated a great number of sufferers upon the stage, and by his wonderful life-giving magnetism restored paralyzed and rheumatic limbs to usefulness, made the deaf hear, the blind see and the lame walk. Fully twenty cases were treated in all, and in every instance the patients demonstrated by their actions and testified by words the immediate and great benefit they derived from the simple touch of his wonderful magnetic hands.

In this 19th century science has made rapid progress in treating diseases in every form. Research and study have brought to light many remedies and treatments that are invaluable to suffering humanity, but without doubt, the greatest discovery in the annals of medical science, for the amelioration of chronic diseases, centres upon Vital Magnetism as the one great healing power whose potency is unquestioned and unrivaled.

Among the score or more afflicted human beings treated on the stage, last night, not one but what testified they were either greatly benefitted or entirely cured. Probably the most astonishing case of all, and certainly one that created the most intense enthusiasm, was that of John A. Lautrey, of Goshen, who for years had been a hopeless and helpless cripple from paralysis and rheumatism. He was assisted upon the stage by attendants, and after a few moments' treatment was able to walk across the stage and down into the audience. An old lady wanted to hug the doctor, she was so pleased with her relief, while fully a dozen others exhibited manifestations of gratitude, all of whom and many more, were treated with marvelous success.

The Boy Phenomenon had done all that his advertisement claimed and more too. The audience gave him a reception seldom accorded man, and one of the most wonderful exhibitions ever given here came to a close.

We understand he will remain at the Russell House several days where he can be consulted by those who desire private treatment. His office hours are from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. adv

Holiday Train service on the Erie.

On Christmas and New Year's the Erie announce their trains will be run on holiday schedule as follows: Train 15 and 16, (Orange County,) will run as usual in both directions, and train 38 east at 10:48 will run as usual as will No. 9 west at 11:25 a. m. All other trains will run on Sunday schedule except no train east at 8:23 a. m.

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You and each of you are hereby cited personally to be and appear before our Surrogate, at his office in the village of Goshen, in said county, on the 17th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to attend the judicial settlement of the account of Mary C. Selleck, administratrix of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased.

And that if any of the persons interested be under the age of twenty-one years, they are required to appear by their guardian, if they have one, or if they have none that they appear and apply for one to be appointed, or in the event of their neglect or failure to do so a guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for them in the proceeding.

In testimony, whereof, we have caused the seal of our said Surrogate's Court to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon.

[L. S.] Obadiah P. Howell, Surrogate of our said county of Orange, at the village of Goshen, in said county, the 15th day of November, A. D., 1897.

T. D. SCHOONMAKER, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court

GEO. H. DECKER, Attorney for Administratrix, Middletown, N. Y. dTh&T1Dec30

THE People of the State of New York to all persons interested in the estate of James E. Brazee as guied to A Van Nest Powelson under a general assignment for the benedt of creditors, send greeting:

You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a term of the County Court of the county of Orange, to be holden at the Court House, in the village of Goshen, in the said county of Orange, on the 25th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause why a final accounting of the accounts of said A Van Nest Powelson, as assignee of above named James E. Brazee, insolvent debtor, should not be had, and if no cause be shown then to attend the final settlement of the said Assignee's said accounts.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of the said County Court to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon

[L. S.] John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, this 6th day of December, 1897.

W. G. TAGGART, Clerk.

GEO. H. DECKER, Attorney for Assignee, Middletown, N. Y. dTu5t.Jan4

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Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2, Times Building, corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec. 17th, 1897, until Jan. 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes.

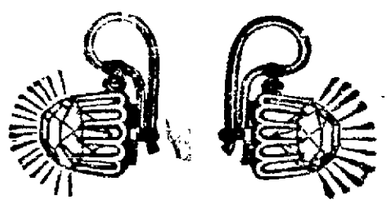
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WEATHER INDICATIONS

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON D. C. Dec 23.—Light snow to-night fair Friday colder

THE TEMPERATURE

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store to-day
7 a m, 22° 12 m 30° 3 p m 30°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec 22, 23 24—W C T U Fair
—Dec 23—Ball of Phenix Engine Co, at Assembly Rooms
—Dec 25—Vaudeville Stars at Casino
—Dec 27— Miss Brevity of Hong Kong at Casino
—Dec 27— Santa Claus and Mother Goose' operetta, at Assembly Rooms
—Dec 28—Excelsior Social
—Dec 30—Ball of Ontario Hose Co, at Assembly Rooms
—Dec 31—Masquerade ball at Casino, under Geo Lea's management
—Jan 7— Billy Williams benefit at Casino
—Jan 21—Excelsior Social
—Jan 24 - John Thomas Concert Co Y M C A, at Casino

Japan has withdrawn objections to the annexation of Hawaii by the United States, it will be content if Japanese rights and the islands are protected The reason for this change of front is undoubtedly to be found in the fact that present and impending complications in China are likely to afford Japan's foreign office all the business it can attend to for some time to come

Gov Black, in company with Lunacy Commissioner Brown, Assemblyman Austin, Speaker O Grady and several members of the Board of Managers of the Manhattan State Hospital, visited the state institutions on Hart's, Ward's and Randall's Islands, Wednesday News of their coming had preceded them, and so far as possible everything had been put in order for their visit but the Governor found much that was not as it should be A significant incident of the visit was the severe arraignment of the Lunacy Commission by Judge Howland, President of the Manhattan Hospital who declared that no attention was paid by the Commission to the recommendations of the managers, and that the officials of the hospitals were practically figureheads This plain talk and the knowledge acquired by the Governor from his visit may be productive of some good results, but if the Governor really wants to learn the condition of affairs in the State Hospitals he should visit them alone and unexpectedly Then he would see them in their every day state, not when swept and garnished and on dress parade in anticipation of his visit

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—The first regular train over the Poughkeepsie Railroad was run on Dec 13 and consisted of twelve cars of granite

—It is said that the Lackawanna officials contemplate using a third rail with electricity for power, to run trains from Orange and Montclair to New York

—Agent Wright, of the Erie, has received a Christmas present from Robert E Payne traveling passenger agent of the Nickel Plate road—a pretty white silk handkerchief bearing the compliments of the road

In cases of burns, sprains scalds or any of the other accidental pains likely to come to the human body Dr Thomas Eclectric Oil gives almost instant relief

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS L HALL Commission Broker Stern Building, North street Middletown N Y
Stocks Bonds Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin

NEW YORK Dec 23 1897

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tob'a	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat L'd	—	[illegible]
General Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
U S L pref	[illegible]	—
Tenn Coal and Iron	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Erie	—	[illegible]
D and H	11	—
O & W	[illegible]	[illegible]
Susquehanna & Western	—	[illegible]
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P & R	[illegible]	[illegible]
N W	121	121 [illegible]
L S	—	—
N Y C	[illegible]	107 [illegible]
M P	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas	—	
U P		[illegible]
W Union	[illegible]	[illegible]
L & N	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manhattan	[illegible]	[illegible]
P M	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wabash pref	[illegible]	—
No Pacific pref	[illegible]	[illegible]
W L	—	—
Southern Ry	—	—
Southern pref	—	—
May Wheat	[illegible]	[illegible]
May Corn	[illegible]	[illegible]
May Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan Pork	$8 [illegible]	$8 72
Jan Lard	4 [illegible]	4 [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA BANKS FAIL.

The Chestnut Street National Bank and the Chestnut Street Trust Company Close Their Doors—Were Allied in Management—Pulp and Paper Mill Securities Caused the Trouble.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 23.—The doors of the Chestnut Street National Bank were closed, this morning, by direction of National Bank Examiner Hardt William Singerly, the president of the bank, is also president of the Chestnut Street Trust Company, which operated in conjunction with the bank, and which has also suspended

The bank's failure was a great surprise, but it occasioned no excitement The bank was organized with a capital of $500,000. It has a surplus of $150,000 and deposits of $1,750,000 Robert Patterson was its president and after his election as Governor Mr Singerly succeeded him.

Comptroller Eckles says the suspension was primarily due to the shrinkage in the value of the notes and bonds of the Singerly Pulp and Paper Mills at Elkton, Md.

Comptroller Eckles has been in Philadelphia several times recently trying to make arrangements whereby the pulp and paper mills' securities could be taken out of the assets of the bank and preferred stock of the Philadelphia *Record* Company substituted. By this and other changes Mr. Eckles hoped to put the bank in first class condition Till 5 o'clock, last night, it was thought this could be adopted but a hitch occurred which rendered suspension necessary.

The Philadelphia *Record*, owned by President Singerly, is said to be very valuable property, paying five per cent annually on about $5,000,000.

BLIZZARD IN NORTHERN NEW YORK

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATERTOWN, Dec 23.—One of the worst blizzards of a number of years began, last night Two feet of snow have fallen and the storm still continues this morning

NINE STEVEDORES DROWNED

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON, Dec 23.—A boat containing nine stevedores capsized in the Thames, to-day, and all were drowned

SIXTEEN MINERS KILLED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

DORTMUND Prussia.—Dec 23.—Sixteen persons were killed here by a fire damp explosion yesterday

HYMENEAL

Goodale—Robertson.

The friends of ex Under Sheriff James Harvey Goodale of Coldenham, and Mrs Emeline S Robertson, of South Centreville, outside of the immediate families, will be surprised to learn that they were married at the home of George Robertson, the bride's son at South Centreville, this morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev Mr Utzer

The couple drove to this city and enjoyed an elaborate dinner at the home of B B Williams, son in law of the groom on West Main street This afternoon they started to drive to the groom's farm at Coldenham

False Report of Burglary at the Middletown Post Office.

It was reported at Newburgh, to day, that the Middletown post office safe had been blown open, last night and $50 in money and $200 in stamps taken

Has Done Much Good.

"My body was covered with eruptions caused by impure blood. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and it completely cured me. I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla since then and it has done me so much good that I recommend it to every one suffering with impure blood. It tones up the system"—S J. TURP, Maryland, N Y

Hood's Pills act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels Cure sick headache

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult All who try it, like it GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java but it is made from pure grains and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress One-fourth the price of coffee Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package Sold by all grocers

Eczema in any part of the body is instantly relieved and permanently cured by Doan's Ointment, the sovereign remedy for all itchiness of the skin

BEWARE THE THIN BANANA.

It Was Picked Too Soon and Will Always Prove Puckery and Sour.

When you are buying bananas never purchase the long thin ones unless you want fruit which will pucker your mouth advises the New York Sun No matter how well ripened these thin bananas may appear to be they will always be found both sour and acrid This is because the bunch which contained them was picked too soon The banana grows fastest at first in length When it has reached its full development in that direction, it suddenly begins to swell, and in a few days will double in girth It is at the end of this time that it begins to ripen naturally, and the effort of the banana importer is to have the fruit gathered at the last possible moment and yet before the ripening has progressed even enough to tinge the bright green of the fruit with yellow A difference of 24 hours on the trees at this time will make a difference in the weight of the fruit of, perhaps 25 per cent and all the difference in its final flavor between a puckery sour and the sweetness and smoothness which are characteristic of the ripe fruit To get the bananas to our market in good condition requires fast steamers which must be provided with ventilation and other means of keeping the fruit from ripening too fast in the hold Much of the finest fruit does ripen in the few days of passage, and this is sold to hucksters for street sale

They May Kiss the Pretty Cashier.

Perhaps the most extraordinary custom in connection with restaurant life is that which obtains in a certain little cafe in the suburbs of Paris where every customer whose bill amounts to two francs (about 38 cents) or over that sum is entitled to receive a kiss from the very attractive young lady who acts as cashier to the establishment. So used has the damsel become to the osculatory routine that she goes through it without the slightest reticence looking upon it purely as a matter of business and it is reported that the proprietor of the restaurant is more than satisfied with the result of his curious device for attracting patrons

Material of Certain Brushes

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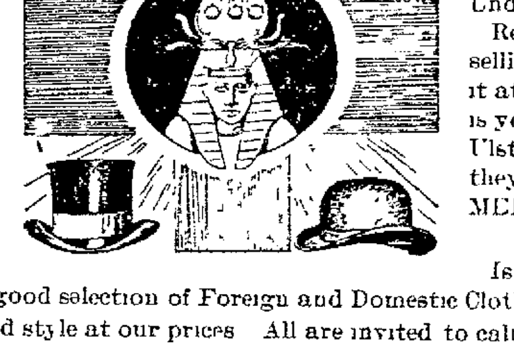
These Make Suitable Holiday Gifts!

Kid Gloves for ladies, misses, gents, lined and unlined. Handkerchiefs, all kinds, all prices. Umbrellas start at 75c stop at $5. Mackintoshes $5 and up. Silk Petticoats $7 to $12.75. Wool Blankets $4 to $8.50. Wool Dress Patterns, Plain and Fancy Silks, Furs, Linen Goods, Traveling Bags and Fancy Articles in great variety. Cloaks at cut prices.

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HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.



Our Holiday Hat is a beauty, Fur and Cloth Caps, all grades, Mittens and Gloves, all grades. Silk and cassimer Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs. Silk Umbrellas or a nice Mackintosh Coat, Underwear and Hosiery.

Ready-made Clothing Sale—We are selling it fast at the price we are offering it at. People know good goods Now is your time to buy a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster Coat. We want the money and they must go

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT

Is booming with orders We still have a good selection of Foreign and Domestic Cloths and people appreciate good work and style at our prices All are invited to call at

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

LAST CALL ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Books! Nothing better for a Christmas gift. We have them for all ages and in all bindings.

Who is there that would not like an Eastman Kodak or Camera for a Christmas present?

Pocketbooks, Bill Books and Card Cases for ladies or gentlemen. We have the stock.

Photograph Albums are always in demand for gifts, and are always acceptable, too.

Traveling Sets, Necktie Cases, Shaving Sets and other things for the men folks.

Look through our stock. We have what will suit you and courteous people to show it to you.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.



A Christmas Display

of goods dear to the masculine heart we are displaying this week, for those who wish to please their male friends by gifts that will make them 'rise up and call you blessed

Fine Umbrellas, Men's Driving and Street Gloves, Scarfs. Mufflers, Fine Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Ulsters. Overcoats, Horse Blankets and Robes.

GEO. W. YOUNG.



My last year's magazines that I had bound at McINTYRE'S BINDERY, 2 North St Middletown look fine and the price was all right

We Exhibit an Immense Variety of

HOLIDAY ARTICLES!

Suitable to almost every buyer

1,000 fancy things from 5c to 50c., which are really pretty and useful presents, not transient trash of wood and wool.

Celluloid articles for the toilet—Fine perfume cases toilet cases, manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, and hundreds of other pretty and useful things.

100 Mechanical Toys at exactly one half regular price.

100 dozen Handkerchiefs 5, 10, 12½, 15, 25c. 100 dozen initial handkerchiefs. The lowest prices ever asked for fine handkerchiefs.

Special prices for the holiday trade in plaids and dress patterns.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

ATTENTION!

Bear in mind before making your Christmas selections, that we have a complete line of

HOLIDAY GIFTS!

such as

Handkerchiefs,

in Swiss, Linen and Silk.

Silk Mufflers, Gents' Ties

in 4 in-Hands, Tecks, Bows and Strings.

Smith & Angell's Hosiery

in cotton and wool. Guaranteed not to crock off. We have them for either men, women or children

Pocketbooks of All Descriptions

and a Nice Line of Silver Novelties.

We Give Trading Stamps.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

Holiday Presents.

Save money and buy at

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Next to Carson & Towner's.

Slippers 50c and up

Boys' Rubber Boots — Sizes 11 to 13½, $1 15; sizes 1 to 5, $1.50.

Men's Rubbers 45c.

I. B. A. TAYLOR & CO.,

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

COAL!

All our COAL is screened by the POCKET SYSTEM, thereby insuring to the consumer clean coal.

Taylor's Coal Yard,

NO. 30 WEST MAIN ST., CORNER MILL ST

Holiday Rush!

Our store is lively with a rush of buyers

Our prices must be right.

Our stock is the kind of presents appreciated most by men and boys.

Ours is the useful kind.

We have received, to-day, New Neckwear, Gloves, Mufflers, etc.

MORRIS B. WOLF,

No. 10 North St.,

MUNYON'S COLD CURE

Cold Cure [illegible] absolutely free.

BEAUTIFUL SKIN

Soft, White Hands with shapely Nails, Luxuriant Hair with clean, wholesome Scalp produced by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery. The only preventive of inflammation and clogging of the Pores.

Cuticura

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BABY HUMORS [illegible]

AT STERN'S.

A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too small to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from $2.49 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember we are headquarters.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

It Has Seemed Like Old Times

IN

Our Warerooms for the Last Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Bric a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to $100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at $17.50 or a $75 Orange County Express Bicycle at $40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Christmas Gifts, dainty and pleasing!

Fine Perfumery, Toilet Water, Cologne, etc., our own make in pretty bottles and boxes, all in good taste, all at moderate cost. Come and see for yourself

Our Italian Violet is the marvel of the day; who wouldn't be pleased with it? There's not much in a name, other perfumers use the name Italian Violet—but it is our Extract Italian Violet which alone creates a sensation among lovers of sweet scents. It is wholly different from any other—rivalling fresh Violets.

Or perhaps a real good hair brush would please you; these we have, firm hard bristles in solid backs—a perfect brush.

Or a box of Elegant Toilet Soap or—or—or—

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

Huyler's Candies for the holidays at

McMonagle & Rogers', 30 North St.

CHRISTMAS

you wish to make as many presents this year as last and can only afford half the amount of money to devote to them, call and see us, where you can buy all kinds of

FURNITURE and CROCKERY

at prices to suit your pocketbooks.

Handsome Rockers

of every description, for many of which we have the sole agency.

WRITING DESKS, MUSIC CABINETS, ODD PARLOR PIECES, STANDS, PICTURES, EASELS, SCREENS, WHITE ENAMELED GOODS, ELEGANT DINNER AND TEA SETS, FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, ETC., ETC.

LAMPS

that speak for themselves.

☞Goods can be selected any time and be delivered CHRISTMAS EVE. Be glad to have you come and see our stock, whether you purchase or not.

THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN THE CITY.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Poultry for Christmas at J. T. Robertson's.
—Extraordinary attractions at Cottage Theatre
—Fine sausage at J. T. Robertson's.
—Candy by the ton at J. W. Sloat's.
—Santa Claus in town. Matthews & Co.'s.
—Raffle at 5 John street.
—Books written up at Middletown Savings Bank
—Christmas goods cheap at Economy Store.
—When ailing, take Munyon's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Capcine Plasters
—Colds cured by Hale's Horehound, Honey and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—*Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.*

—Phœnix Engine Company's ball, tonight, at the Assembly Rooms.

—Remember George Lea's masquerade ball at the Casino, New Year's Eve.

—Are you going to see Dorothy Morton at the Casino, next Monday evening?

—Pretty, pleasing, petite Dorothy Morton at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—Middletown Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., will confer the third degree, to-night.

—A few of the farmers who bring milk to the condensery came in sleighs, this morning.

—A bunch of keys with tag, No. 2,156, attached awaits an owner at police headquarters.

—The sheriff's sale of the Brall's Bazaar stock, which was to have occurred, today, was postponed until January 5.

—W. I. French, of the 24th Band, will entertain the band members at his home, No. 107 Linden avenue, next Tuesday night.

—Secure your tickets for George Lea's masquerade ball at the Casino, New Year's Eve., and win one of the many prizes offered.

—The trustees of Norwich have granted the Central New York Telephone Co. the right to extend its telephone system in that village.

—La grippe is severely epidemic in Newark, but no foot doctor has as yet attributed that to Sussex county milk.—*Newton Register.*

—The ARGUS acknowledges the receipt of a Columbia desk calendar, with the compliments of Geo. A. Swaim & Son, agents of the Pope M'f'g Co.

—George E. Lloyd, of Oswego, who in May last stepped into a hole in a Walton sidewalk and broke his leg, has sued the village for $5,000 damages.

—Owing to the large attendance expected at the Christmas hop, at the Assembly Rooms, the Bachelors will charge spectators an admittance fee of 50 cents.

—Chenango county's supervisors have contracted with a St. Louis concern to provide all necessary furnishings for the county clerk's and county judge's offices for $2,400.

—Employes of the Port Jervis Telephone Co. while raising a pole, Wednesday, poked the end of it through a $100 plate glass window in Fred Webinger's building.

—Starlings have been imported from Germany, with the idea of exterminating the English sparrows. The starlings are fighters from instinct, and withal a very pretty bird.

—Vincent O'Malley, of Scranton, placed a corpse on duty at the depots, to-day, in charge of a colored driver whose livery is complete, even to the rosette on his tall hat. His headquarters are at Wilkison's.

—The "Santa Claus and Mother Goose" operetta in the Assembly Rooms, next Monday evening, at 7:30, will be a pleasing entertainment. Members of the Universalist Sunday School will be admitted free. Other children under twelve 10 cents; adults 15 cents.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Isaac Lipfield went to New York city, to-day.

—Mrs. A. K. Dewey returned from New York city, to-day.

—Rob. Shepard, of Lafayette College, is home for the holidays.

—S. J. Bross is able to get down town after a fortnight's illness.

—Lay Jennings has gone to points in Maine for a fortnight's visit.

—James Herring, of Middletown, is home for the holidays.—*Walton Times.*

—D. Hastings Canfield is home from Lehigh University for the holiday vacation.

—Supervisor R. S. Tuthill went to Newburgh, to-day, to meet a committee from the Board.

—Miss Margaret Herrman has gone to New York, where she will spend the holidays visiting relatives.

—Miss Miles, who teaches the school at Unionville, went to her home at Cobleskill, to-day, to spend the holidays.

—Mrs. Leo Barnett, of Amsterdam, is here to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolff, Sr.

—R. Brewster Beattie, of Princeton Theological Seminary, reached home, last night, for the holiday vacation of two weeks.

—George D. Pelton, of Monticello, went to New York, to-day, but will return to-morrow night, in time for the Bachelors' Hop.

—Dr. H. W. Rowland, who has been very sick with inflammatory rheumatism for nearly a month, is, we are glad to say, somewhat better.

Police Court.

—A resident of Mulberry street was fined $5, to-day, for intoxication, which was paid.

"My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his lip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well."—Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie county, N. Y.

THE "BOY PHENOMENON."

A Large Audience Saw Him Afford Seeming Help to a Number of Sufferers.

The "Boy Phenomenon" drew an audience to the Casino, Wednesday night, which placed standing room at a premium. There were no ushers present and a policeman who was in the building was kept busy finding seats for late comers.

After the 'Phenomenon" had made a rheumatically lame man throw away his cane and walk across the stage unassisted, and made a man hear a whisper, though he had been "deaf at two years of age and growing worse ever since," there were calls of "Harry Stewart."

The latter has suffered from paralysis of the left side for nine years, and the audience waited in anticipation of the result of the "Phenomenon's" efforts.

Mr. Stewart was assisted up the steps to the stage and many who saw his contracted arm and stiffened leg, and who had faith in the healer, breathed a prayer for success. The patient is so well known about the city that many remarked that if "Harry is cured, then the 'Phenom' is all right."

The latter went through the usual caressing of the brow and pressing of the nerves at the base of the brain, and after a time Harry was able to raise his left hand to his chin, a feat he once before accomplished under the treatment of Prof. Baldy, the hypnotist.

There was applause at this, and it was renewed when the patient placed his foot upon a chair, something which the lecturer stated he had not been able to do before in nine years.

There were other patients treated with apparent success, and the crowd remained until the last one had been treated

HE RECLAIMED HIS GIRL.

"White Rose" Returned to the Hearthstone of Her Black Admirer of Port Jervis.

A white girl of Port Jervis, whose first name is Rose and whose last name is plain Smith, has been living in this city with a well known colored buck dancer. She was a bright appearing and very fair looking girl, not over seventeen years of age, and she attracted much attention among the whites who knew of the peculiar choice of the girl. But when the dancer introduced her among the colored belles of Fulton street she had a very narrow escape from serious assault.

Wednesday a particularly dapper coon came down from Port Jervis. He inquired for "Rose," located her, captured her and escaped with her while the buck dancer was shining shoes.

The incident has caused considerable comment among the "darks" of this city.

HAD A STROKE OF PARALYSIS

Mrs. Mullen Stricken While on Her Way to Convent Exercises.

Mrs. Samuel Mullen, of No. 19 Lake avenue, was stricken with paralysis which affected her right side, as she was about to alight from a car at the Ursuline Convent, Wednesday afternoon. She was carried into the convent where she was going to attend the Christmas exercises. Dr. T. D. Mills secured a special car and she was removed to her home in it.

To-day she is resting easily, but shows little improvement.

Mrs. Mullen's daughter is a teacher at the convent.

POST OFFICE SAFE BLOWN OPEN

The Cornwall Post Office Robbed of $550 in Stamps—Letters Also Rifled.

The safe in the Cornwall post office was blown open with dynamite, at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, and robbed of $550 in stamps. A dollar in cash and all other articles of value that were in the safe were also taken. The thieves also opened all the letters that were in the boxes for delivery, and if they contained any money it was taken. Several checks and drafts were left on the floor with the opened letters.

There is no clue to the burglars.

W. C. T. U. Fair.

At the W. C. T. U. fair the following programme will be rendered, to-night:

Bells ..... Mr. and Miss Conkling
Autoharp ..... Miss Belle Brink
Recitation ..... Miss Mertie Morgan
Piano Solo ..... Miss Lillian Morey
Recitation ..... Miss Daisy Evans
Autoharp ..... Miss Belle Brink
Piano Solo ..... Miss Lillian Morey
Recitation ..... Miss Ida Chambers

Hamilton College Students Home.

Frank Finn, William G. Decker and Abram B. Macardell returned from Hamilton College, last night, to spend the holidays with their parents in this city. Abraham Lipfield is expected home to-morrow.

Christmas Day Services at Grace Church

There will be two celebrations of the holy communion in Grace Church on Christmas day, the first at 7:30 a. m., (choral) the second at 11 o'clock with morning prayer and a short address.

Ordained as Deacon of the Episcopal Church.

Frank Wilson, late principal of the Chester High School, was ordained deacon of the Episcopal Church at Duluth, last Sunday.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by experienced pharmacists who know precisely the nature and quality of all ingredients used.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
The famous little ...

HAS A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

Dr. Irwin H. Boyd Made Assistant Medical Inspector of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Dr. Irwin H. Boyd has been appointed assistant medical inspector in the relief department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He has been assigned to the West Pennsylvania Division, with headquarters at Derry, Pa., thirty miles east of Pittsburg. His territory extends over about 200 miles of the Pennsylvania's main line and branches. His duties are to hold himself in readiness for emergency cases in which the services of a railroad surgeon are needed and he also acts as examiner in the relief department which the railroad maintains.

The appointment was secured after a rigid competitive examination and the berth is considered a very desirable one by young physicians.

Dr. Boyd will leave for Derry, next Thursday, and will begin his duties Jan. 1st.

HUNTERS ALL OUT TO-DAY.

Looking for Christmas Dinners in Woods and Fields.

The woods and frozen swamps for miles around this city have been traversed by a large number of well known hunters of this city and many others who make the two days before Christmas an annual hunting time. Some of these unerring marksmen have the markets before their eyes, but most of them are out purely and simply for a rabbit pot pie, a pair of partridges, a quail or two on toast or even a squirrel stew for a Chrismas dinner.

Some of the guns seen in the hands of the latter class were made long, long, ago, and looked as if they would be of little service.

Well, here's to 'em all. May every hunter fill his bag, and thus many homes be made happy.

BASE BALL AT THE ARMORY.

The Regulars Defeated the "scrubs" by the Score of 12-5.

There was a good attendance at the ball game at the armory, Wednesday night, when the regular team defended its claim to the championship of the armory against the scrubs. The game was a fine one and close up to the ninth inning, when the regulars made six runs.

The score was as follows:

REGULARS	P	O	SCRUBS	P	O
Gustafson, c	1	4	Lawrence, c	1	4
Wemple, p	1	4	Robinson, p	1	3
Shafer, 1b	2	3	Wallace, 1b	1	2
O'Terrance, 2b	2	3	Cowelson, 2b	1	3
Thompson, s. s	1	2	Veber, s. s	2	2
Conkling, 3b	0	5	R. Terbune, 3b	0	1
Clarkson, lf	1	2	Louie, lf	0	2
G. Clarkson, cf, 1b	2	2	Paret, cf	0	4
Schwartz, rf	1	2	Cummings, rf	0	4
Goodie, c	1	0			
Total	12	27	Total	5	27

SCORE BY INNINGS

Regulars	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	6	—12
Scrubs	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	— 5

Umpires—Rose and Colwell
Scorer—H. Still

THE PROFITS OF "PRISCILLA."

Netted Thrall Hospital $221 85—The Managers' Grateful Acknowledgment to Cast and Chorus.

The amount realized from the opera, "Priscilla," is $221 85.

The managers of Thrall Hospital desire to publicly thank all who helped to make the entertainment a success, and especially thank each member of the cast and chorus. They generously gave their time and talents without remuneration for charity's sake and won for themselves the honor of having made this one of the best amateur entertainments ever given in this city.

BELLE HORTON,
Secretary.

CONSULTING HIS LAWYER.

Rector Howell, of Monticello, Thought to Be Preparing Business for the Courts.

M. N. Kane, of Warwick, who was Rector Howell's lawyer about a year ago, when certain members of St. John's Church sought to prevent him from striking their names from its rolls, has been in Monticello, this week, consulting with Mr. Howell. His presence gave rise to much talk about suits for damages and legal proceedings of various kinds by Mr. Howell.

Dangerous Sidewalks.

The attention of the city officials is called to two very dangerous places on Centre street, made so by allowing storm water from roofs to flow across the walks. Both are long standing nuisances and menaces to public safety.

A $10,000 Suit against the Susquehanna.

William Cole formerly a brakeman on the Susquehanna Railroad has instituted a suit for $10,000 against that company for injuries that he received in the performance of his duties

Life Insurance Paid by Empire Council

Walter Harvey, treasurer of Empire Council, American Legion of Honor, paid, yesterday, to Mrs. Joseph F. Robinson, $2,000, the amount for which her late husband was insured in that order.

Ruby Lips

and a clear complexion, the pride of woman—Have you lost these charms through typhoid liver, constipation, biliousness or nervousness? Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills will restore them to you—40 little "rubies" in a vial—10 cents. Acts like a charm. Never gripe.

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

A bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Home for the Holidays—The Close of School—The Foresters' Dance.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—Among those who have arrived home for Christmas are Messrs. Willard P. Jessup, Sidney Horton, William Gibbs, Percy V. D. Gott and Charles L. Tierney.

—School will close to-morrow afternoon and re-open Jan. 3d next.

—The Foresters' dance in Samuel's Hall was attended by about fifty couples. Lunch was served during the evening. A special trolley car from Middletown took back the guests from that city at 2:30 this morning. The committees were as follows: Committee of Arrangements, W. J. Bailie, A. S. Strong, Fred Hall, C. E. Oakley, C. H. Hirst; Reception Committee, P. H. De Garmo, J. A. Dillenbeck, J. R. Gregory, Frank C. Thompson, Dr. Matt DuBois; Refreshment Committee, Charles Farrell, E. N. Lovett, James Loomis, John Kenney, Fred Ehlers; Floor Committee, A. S. Strong, H. McHugh, C. E. Oakley, John H. Coleman, E. N. Lovett.

BOSS ODELL'S PRESENT.

Republican Machine Bosses Are Going to Pacify the "Bigga Boss."

Just now when the happy Christmastide is drawing near, and the neck of many a vessel will crack in its effort to bring good cheer among the Republican politicians of this city, a new cause for dissension has appeared on the horizon. Some enthusiast, who wishes to make himself solid by doing the toady act, is said to have organized a systematic assessment of $15 on each of the "sub bigga bosses" of this city to raise a fund with which is to be purchased a suitable present for "Ben."

This may be only a rumor, but it came in through our pipe line, unbroken, and without a "whirr."

The "assessment" has struck some of the contributors as just the thing and some of them could hardly be restrained from spelling their names out in capital letters on the list.

It may be added that "harmony" has not progressed so far as to make it seem worth while to allow the antis to chip in. The "old gang" think this Christmas present scheme a particularly good thing and don't intend to let the antis in on it.

EMIL MARTINI HAS GONE.

Left Town, Tuesday Noon, and Nothing Is Known of His Whereabouts.

Emile Martini, the well known painter, popular member of Eagle Hose Company, and a congenial companion on a fishing excursion, is missing. He left town, Tuesday noon, leaving his wife behind with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conkling, on Fulton street. He confided to some of his acquaintances that for family reasons he had concluded to leave this city and endeavor to start life anew in some other place.

Emil has many friends here who will learn of his departure with regret.

A YOUNG FRAUD.

The Boy Who Wanted to Be a Cadet Arrested for Stealing.

The boy who showed up at West Point, a few days ago, and said he ran away from his home in Wisconsin to become a cadet proves to have come only from Sufferns, Rockland county. He begged about Highland Falls for a week and got from the charitable a complete outfit of clothing. Two officers reached Highland Falls, Wednesday, and arrested the boy for stealing from a farmer who had employed him.

No Trace of the Runaway Boys.

The authorities and the parents of the runaway boys have heard nothing from them.

Many friends of the parents are suffering the same heart twinges as though their own sons were missing at this time when every home tries to be its happiest. If any of the boys about town are in the confidence of the runaways they should notify the parents where they are.

His Holiday Pleasures Cut Off.

Edward J. Passino, of this city, was anticipating a visit during the holidays from his brother, William, of New Haven, Conn., but instead a despatch came last night his brother was dead.

William is survived by his wife and two children. He was employed by the N. Y., N. H. and H. Railroad.

—Now is the time to get holiday candies at the Palace Confectionery, 31 North street. A fine assortment of chocolate candies at 30c., former price 50c. American mixed candies, 3 lbs for 25c. French cream chocolates, 15c. lb. Broken candies, 3 lbs for 25c. These candies are all made fresh for the holidays. Do not take our word for it, come and judge for yourself. Remember the place, Palace Confectionery Store, North street. 27d3t

No Gripe

When you take Hood's Pills. The big, old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all to pieces, are not in it with Hood's. Easy to take

Hood's Pills

and easy to operate, is true of Hood's Pills, which are up to date in every respect. Safe, certain and sure. All druggists, 25c. C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

M'QUOIDS' DANCE.

First of the Winter's Socials Proves Highly Successful.

McQuoid Engine Company, No. 3, opened the social season at the truck house Wednesday night. The Monhagen rooms were kindly loaned this company, and the two gave none too much room for the members and their guests.

Dancing was the popular amusement of the evening, and was kept up until an early hour. Refreshments were served in Monhagens' rooms about midnight. The affair was particularly well managed and the committee won the compliments of all concerned.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

An Illustration.

Why do you wish to overcharge a customer 50c on $10 worth of goods so as to return it in some dumphool way in 5, 10, 30, 60 or 90 days? Why not charge the customer the $9.50 if you can afford to, and save all this red tape nonsense? Why not?

GEO. B. ADAMS.

Large Spread of Christmas Goods.

The big store, with its grand display of X mas goods, with its syndicate advantages in purchasing (no schemes or middlemen), make it the lowest priced place to buy goods of like quality. Handkerchiefs—The center of our store is a handkerchief store indeed. You can find handkerchiefs here at all prices from 3c to $12.50 each. 12½c each all linen center, lace edge handkerchiefs in boxes for children. Three linen handkerchiefs (with colored border and initial) in a box at 25c a box. Ladies' all linen handkerchiefs from 10c each up. Gentlemen's all linen handkerchiefs from 12½c each up. Silk handkerchiefs from 10c each up. Silk initial handkerchiefs at 25, 39 and 50c each. The 39c initial are actually worth 50c. Umbrellas We did not make any mistake in our large purchase of umbrellas. We have them for gentlemen, we have them for ladies, we have them for children from 50c to $5 each, all with the latest style handles. Vantine Crockery—Cups and saucers from 5c up. $2 48 pictures at 98c each. 25c baskets at 10c each. Leather Dress Suit Cases—We have 25 good dress suit cases to sell from $3 each up. True, the $3 cases are not all leather. The $5 grades are worth $7.50 each. Call and see these dress suit cases. They are cheap. "The Big Store."

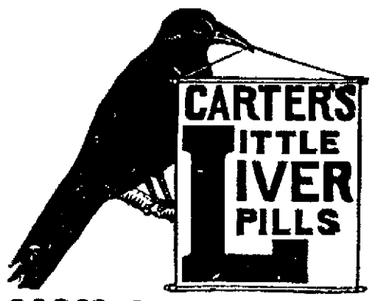
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Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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HE was a quaint old yellow dragon, with a pointed tail and big wings and time-worn claws, and a ferocious expression which the designer's clumsiness, or the wear and tear of 50 winters, had made perilously near a grin. Yet, after all, perhaps he had cause to smile, since he had seen the third generation of foolish lovers sitting on the marble rim of the idle fountain, or whispering nonsense as they walked, with arms entwined, along its grassy borders.

This afternoon, when pretty Violet Newman came tripping down the mossy path, in her new, white gown with its favor of pink roses, and her saucy little hat half falling from her chestnut curls; when she greeted him with a kiss of the hand from afar, and dropped him a mocking courtesy as she reached his precincts—why, even a stone monster was bound to smile. Indeed, when she tiptoed to reach down his capacious throat with her small white hand, a casual observer would have sworn that he winked—though really it was an affection of the eyes for which a boy of two generations back (now a portly dean) was responsible. The dragon was, in truth, of very hard material, and his command of countenance was limited. But he looked at Violet as sweetly as he could, and no one who knew her would blame him.

When she drew a paper from between his threatening jaws and glanced at it, she gave a harmless little frown, and contorted her red lips into a pout. "Bother!" she said. "You nasty old dragon!" But he laughed all the same, and swallowed the paper without a murmur, when she replaced it. Then she seated herself daintily upon the marble rim, leaning against an old urn full of scarlet flowers, and opened a book; but something seemed to distract her. "I wonder," she said, absently, resting her round chin upon one hand and looking inquiringly at the dragon. But he only smiled, and winked with his injured eye. "I wonder," she repeated a few minutes later, listening intently. It looked as though she might be attending to the paean of the lark who was swimming up towards the sun, or the bleating of the young lambs in the meadow beyond the trees. But the dragon, who had seen the three generations of lovers, knew better than that. He would have chuckled, if his structural limitations had been less stringent, when a well-built young fellow vaulted the fence, just by the warning to trespassers, and came lightly towards the fountain; and Violet's absorption in her book became profound.

As he reached the monster he paused, and she looked up. Their eyes met and changed together from expectation, through doubt and disappointment, to mutual approval; as though each had expected some one else, but had found a tolerable substitute.

"I beg your pardon. I am trespassing, I fear?" he apologized, raising his hat.

"Well—yes; unless you are going to Mr. Newman's I'm afraid you are." It was dull at Ducksworth, and she wasn't quite sure that she didn't know him. That was how she came to smile upon him—ever such a little smile. So he stopped, with his hat in his hand, leaning against the pedestal of the old yellow dragon.

"I don't know Mr Newman very well," he explained, studying her very carefully, "but his niece, Violet Newman, and I were playmates when we were youngsters."

"Indeed!" said she, with a start and a bright flash of her eyes. "Do you mean very long ago?"

"Why, yes. It is over seven years." He sighed, which was absurd, because they had been very good years to him.

"She has altered very much since then," she observed, thoughtfully.

"You know her?"

"Of course. You see I am a niece of Mr. Newman, too. He has about 40—all different!"

"You are certainly very different from my little friend Violet, as I remember her," said he, looking admiringly at her pretty face and slim figure. Manon in inconsistent animal. "Though for a moment I thought perhaps you were she."

"Ah!" said she, with a laugh, "you would find her quite changed—almost as different from what she was as I am."

"Yes," he observed, thoughtfully, "that's the worst of it." She bit her lip angrily.

"Are you so much attached to her memory?"

"Well—I was." He looked very pleasant as he laughed.

"Flattery is nearly as bad as inconstancy," she remarked sternly. "But I suppose you want to get me to talk about her?"

"Yes," assented he; "or anything."

"You are Mr. Mostyn, then, I suppose?"

"Richard Mostyn, at your service."

"Vi told me about you once."

"Did she, by Jove! What did she say?"

"Well, I scarcely remember; it's such a long time ago. I think she took your boy-and-girl affair rather seriously, you know."

There was a far-away look in her big dark eyes, and she laid her book on the grass beside her.

"O," said he, eagerly, "so did I. We used to meet here nearly every morning till I went away. We made this old dragon's mouth"—he patted its head familiarly—"a post office when one of us couldn't turn up. Did she tell you that?"

"Yes, she told me—a long time ago."

"Probably she has forgotten now."

"Most likely. But she is a strange girl; rather loyal, you know."

"She was an awfully nice youngster," said he, musingly, with an undecided look at his companion.

"She wasn't very good-looking, was she?" She took up her book again and turned the pages absently.

"Well—er—I don't know," said he critically. "She was quite a youngster, you see, and growing. Why, she wasn't more than 13!"

"Scraggy, you mean?" She nearly tore a leaf in turning it over.

"Ye-es—at least, no. She wanted filling out rather, but—"

"Not pretty?"

"Well, not exactly. But still—"

"Too pale, if I remember rightly?"

"She was rather pale, but—"

"Clumsy and awkward, wasn't she?"

"Not so bad as I." He leaned back and laughed aloud. "I suppose she didn't tell you about the time when we went bird's-nesting and fell in the ditch?"

"No, she didn't." The emphatic tone seemed to rouse some recollection in him, and he studied her profile very carefully as she looked at her book.

"I daresay she's forgotten me," he suggested, with a sigh, still watching her.

"I wonder you remember since you rated her charms so lightly," said she, shutting her book with a snap and standing up against the urn.

"By Jove, I didn't!" said he, sturdily. "I thought her the jolliest girl that ever was, though she was three years younger than I."

"Yet you haven't troubled to seek her out?"

"Well, you see, I was abroad with my dad for six years."

"You could have written."

"What do you think her uncle would have said to her if he'd found her out? She told me not to."

"Of course," said she, scornfully. "But do you suppose she meant it? And why didn't you go and see her when you came back?"

"It seemed such a long time. I didn't expect she'd remember."

"Did you?"

"Not so well as now," he admitted, shamefacedly.

"Someone else, I suppose?"

"A mere passing affair."

"And a stream of passing affairs since, no doubt. Men are so faithful!" She tossed her dainty head scornfully.

"They were only very little ones," he pleaded. "And I did think about her."

"Without trying to find her?"

"Well—not quite."

"Did you try, really?"

"Yes," said he, rather awkwardly, "I did."

"How?" The dragon seemed positively to smirk; but it was probably some effect of the sunlight.

He waved his hand to the stony monster.

"O!" said she. "I see. A letter! How romantic! Didn't she answer?"

"No," said he, shaking his head. "I put in something three months ago, and I've been half a dozen times since."

"Perhaps she didn't consider the letter satisfactory," she suggested, demurely; but there was a dimple on each cheek. "Was it very touching?"

"Verses!" he confessed, with a deprecatory shrug of the shoulders.

"O!" said she. "They ought to have mollified her. But she hasn't been here for some time, as a matter of fact. You'd better let me send them to her."

"I hardly know," said he, doubtfully; "you see, we mightn't care for each other now."

"Just as you please," said she, tossing her head. There was something in the toss which brought a flood of recollection into his eyes. He plunged his arm into the dragon's jaws, and brought out a piece of paper from far inside.

"If I give you this will you bring her answer?"

"Yes," said she, gravely; "or she will. But I warn you I shall read them."

He nodded and twirled his moustache uneasily, as she pretended to read the verses—although she knew them by heart.

TO A MEMORY

Changed the place we called our own,
Weeds and moss have overgrown
Ev'n the rugged path of stone
Where we met;
Only on the fountain's rim
Scowls untouched the dragon grim,
Naught are seven years to him—
Violet!

What are seven years to me?
Years of hot blood coursing free;
Quite as much as there should be
To regret;
Here and there a little fall,
Now and then an eyelash wet;
But one hallowed thought through all—
Violet!

What are seven years to you,
Little playmate? Would I know
If you recollect me too,
Or forget.
Be you free from harm and cares,
With your heart a child-heart yet;
And my name among your prayers,
Violet!

R. M.

"There seems to be an answer," she said, faintly, after a minute or two; and he looked over her shoulder and read:

"Dear Dick: If you really want to see me, I am often here in the afternoon. Yours truly, Vi.

P. S.—I am afraid you have been very bad.

"P. P. S.—I shall expect to know all about it.

"P. P. P. S—I haven't grown up very nice, so don't be disappointed."

"Disappointed!" said he, with a fine scorn. "Why, you are splendid, Vi. Do you think I don't know you?" He slipped his arm through hers, and she hung her head in vain, because he saw her blushing face in the fountain. It was such a radiant, sweet face, that he ventured just to touch her hair with his lips.

"I am very happy, Dick," said she, half an hour later, and she suddenly pressed her velvety lips upon the claws of the yellow dragon—from which moment his smile has been unvaried and unmistakable.—Black and White.

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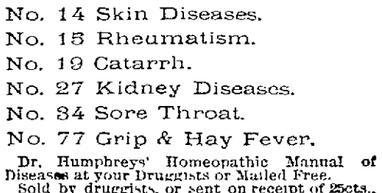
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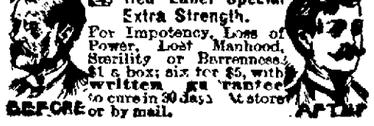


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Affability.

"You don't mind me leaving so many of these bills, do you?" said the collector with a touch of sarcasm.

"No, indeed," replied the woman in the door, "we rather like it. The children do their examples on the backs of them."—Washington Star.

Rendered Desperate.

"Darling," he cried, "I cannot live without you!"

"But," she replied, "my father is bankrupt."

"In that case," he despondently replied, "I guess I'll go and shoot myself."—Chicago News.

Nothing Very Wonderful.

"I saw a man knock down a mule to-day."

"He must have been a very strong man."

"Oh, no: he was an auctioneer not above the ordinary in size or strength."—Up-to-Date.

An Unknown Tongue.

Johnny—Pa, what does it mean by "unknown tongue?"

Pa—It is the tongue of the silent woman, my son. By the way, you needn't tell your mother I told you that."—Boston Transcript.

A Division of Labor.

Mamma—Bessie, why don't you wash the dishes? It is easier to do a thing than to sit and think about it.

Bessie—Well, mamma, you wash the dishes and I'll sit and think about it.—Browning's Monthly.

Misconstrued.

Coldwater—I was never drunk in all my life.

Col. Bourbon (admiringly)—Deah me, suh! An' you don't look like a man that could stan' much, either!—N. Y. Journal.

What He Tried to Do.

She—Did you say Henry is in touch with his neighbors?

He—No, I did not: he tried to touch every one of them, but they wouldn't have it.—Yonkers Statesman.

Just What He Wanted.

Hewitt—Did you get any pleasure out of that cigar I gave you?

Jewett—Yes, it made me so sick that I had to take a week's vacation.—N. Y. Truth.

Secret of Her Success.

The New Woman—What is your aim in life, my dear?

The Sweet Girl—I don't have any aim: that's the reason I make a hit.—Town Topics.

Wanted a Warmer Job.

"I see that you're going to leave the police force at the first of the month, Tim."

"Yes, sir. It's bad sleepin' out in winter."—Detroit Free Press.

Still on the Free List.

"The new tariff may have raised the prices of some things," remarked the observer of men and things, "but talk is cheaper than ever."—Detroit Journal.

The Very Best.

Tomtom—It's usually a man's best friend that elopes with his wife.

Buzzfuzz—Yes, his very best.—Town Topics.

A Dot and a Dash.

Jack—My fiancee has quite a dot.

Tom—Ah! then you'll soon cut quite a dash.—N. Y. Truth.

IRON DISSOLVED BY WATER.

Fluid Containing More Carbonic Acid Than Lime Does the Work.

Some interesting experiments and researches into the ability of water to exercise a destructive influence on iron pipe, which have recently been made in Europe, have yielded results not generally expected, reports the Philadelphia Record. It has been ascertained that waters containing little lime, but an appreciable quantity of dissolved carbonic acid, were observed to exercise a solvent action upon the iron, and the course of the action was traced. A known quantity of iron filings was placed in each of three vessels, which were respectively filled with ordinary river water, and the same water after carbonic acid has passed through it for a few minutes, and after the addition of sufficient lime to just neutralize the carbonic acid. The vessels were sealed by mercury from contact by the air, and after the lapse of a certain time the iron dissolved in each case was determined. In the first case the water had dissolved about 0.0003 per cent.; in the second, 0.02 per cent., while in the third only traces of iron could be discerned. The water in the second case was clear, but on standing exposed to the air ferric oxide separated. It was therefore inferred that waters containing carbonic acid and very little lime dissolved iron as ferrous carbonate. The latter is then decomposed by the oxygen of the air, and ferric oxide is deposited and carbonic acid formed. The latter can again attack the iron, and thus water containing little carbonic acid may have a powerful action upon iron pipes.

Waffles.

One quart of sweet milk, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder mixed in flour enough to make stiff batter; one cup of melted butter, six eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, and whites added last; salt. Bake at once.—N. Y. Ledger.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square
31—Runs before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.

1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." d&w

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

Everybody Says So.

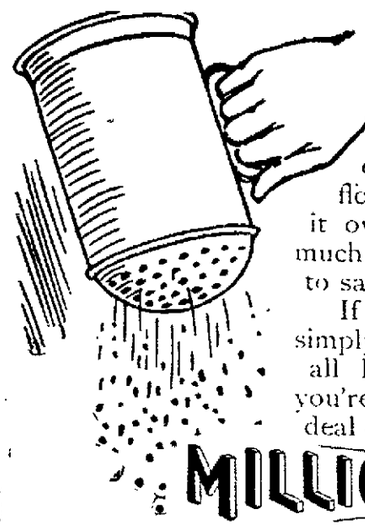
Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

When bilious or costive, eat a Cascaret-candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.


A good idea
is to keep some Pearline in a sifter, ready to use for floor-washing, dish-washing, etc., etc. You sprinkle a little over the floor, for instance, and then just wash it over with a wet cloth. See how much more convenient to use than soap, to say nothing of the easier work!
If you're buying and using Pearline simply for washing clothes, and not for all kinds of washing and cleaning, you're cheating yourself out of a great deal of comfort and economy. 547
MILLIONS NOW USE PEARLINE

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MORE THAN HALF A MILLION OF THEM HAVE BEEN SOLD.

Miss Parloa's Young Housekeeper. Designed especially to aid beginners. Tells how to furnish the kitchen sensibly; the right way to buy food and to care for it, etc. A plain book for plain people. A book that farmers' wives and daughters will be glad to own. One from which any housewife may obtain an immense amount of valuable aid $1.00
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Renowned for quality, it is clear, to do good work is his idea.
Admirable workmanship, skill and care, he shows at prices just and fair.
A line of SADDLES, too, he has, that elsewhere we may seek in vain.
Splendid ROBES, of patterns neat; and BLANKETS, he has a stock complete.
All in for WHIPS, they're all first-class, his BITS and BRIDLES none can surpass.
He e RAASCH'S patrons all confess, he merits and commands success.
No. 19 NORTH STREET.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE TRADING STAMPS
But We Can Afford and Do Give Our Customers
2,000 Pounds for a Ton of the Best COAL Mined
THOROUGHLY SCREENED, AT REGULAR PRICES.
GORDON & HORTON,
Nos. 12-20 Henry Street Telephone No 181.

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In Old, Strong and Reliable Companies
CALL ON
E. E. CONKLING. Middletown.

SOMETHING NEW FOR X-MAS.
That is what we are looking for, something nice for a ladies present, something nice for a gentleman's present, and something for pa and ma and the children, and the place to go and find such articles, and not all paper talk, is at
F. D. Kernochan's, the Middletown Jeweler.
Our stock is new, complete and ready for inspection. With a very little money your wants can be satisfied. Besides our Christmas stock, we have our usual large stock of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware. Old gold bought and taken in exchange. Eyes examined and lenses fitted free for all glasses purchased before X-mas.
F. D. KERNOCHAN,
Practical Optician and Eye Specialist No 17 North Street

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This is a Rubber Boot for a Little Boy Wearing Sizes 7 to 10 1-2, That Has Long Legs,
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COAL!
Honest Coal, Honest Weight, Prompt Delivery
THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY. TRY US.
ROYCE & MAPES,
No. 10 Henry Street, Middletown. Telephone No. 138.

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A. J. DURLAND,
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CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS.

Interesting Exercises Held in Several of the City's schools, To-day—Christmas Gifts for Teachers and Christmas Treats for Children—The Holiday Vacation.

The public schools of this city closed, this afternoon, for the holiday vacation, which will last until Tuesday, Jan. 4th. In some of the rooms exercises appropriate to the season were held, and in all the schools the Christmas spirit was in the air, and many of the teachers were given proofs of the love of their pupils in the shape of Christmas remembrances.

An expressman delivered three very unique gifts at the High School, this morning,—a large rocking horse for Mr. Wilson, a big frog, which had once advertised a patent medicine, for Mr. Haynes, and an immense bottle of malted milk for Mr. Winans. The latter, the gift of the girls of the English composition class, was probably suggested by the fact that Mr. Winans has just recovered from an attack of illness. The significance of the other gifts can be explained by the generous donors,—the girls of the First Year Latin class, who gave the hobby horse, and the girls of the Zoology class, who were responsible for the frog.

At the schools in which exercises were held the programmes were as follows:

LIBERTY STREET.

ROOMS NO. 1 AND 2.

Exercises were held, this afternoon, by Rooms No. 1 and 2 of Liberty street school. Each child was made happy by receiving a bag of candy, peanuts and pop corn from a very pretty Christmas tree, which Santa Claus had left the night before. The programme follows:

Song—America.....School.
Recitation of Luke ii. 8-14:.....
Stanley Groo, Hortense Decker, Norman Smith, Preston Wood, Cecil Wood, Fred Hodge, Josie Teates.
Recitation—A Christmas Song.....Paul Hammer.
Recitation—My Baby Brother.....Fletcher Sweezy.
Song—Christmas Bells.....Grades No. 1. and 2.
Mother Goose Exercise.....
George Hayes, Edna Whyte, Charles Mahan, John Goetz, Vera Gavoille, Earle Decker, Minnie Schuur, Bertie Miller.
Recitation—Santa Claus.....Naaman Sutton.
Song—Christmas Chimes.....Ira Leever and Grade No. 2.
Recitation—A Note to Santa Claus.....Idella Drake.
Recitation—Mother Hubbard's Christmas Cupboard.....Harold Ladiam.
Santa Claus Acrostic.....
Mable McDermott, Florine Deuel, Arthur Whittaker, Bertha Decker, Jack Whittaker, Stephen Gibbs, Sadie Wood, Albert Faulkner, Nettie Crosby, David Lane.
Song—A Chrismas Sleigh Ride.....School
Recitation—The Little Kite.....Earl Decker.
Recitation—Letter to Santa Claus.....Tunis Fiero.
Recitation—A Big Stocking Needed.....Oliver Warner.
Song—Snowflakes.....Grades 1-2
Recitation—Watching for Santa Claus ...Bessie Brink.
Recitation—My Stocking.....Edward Nickinson.
Song—Santa Land.....Bessie Brink, Fletcher Sweezy, and Grade 1.
Recitation—A Christmas Story.....Mabel Bross
Solo—Good-bye.....Myrtie Chambers
Exercise—Seven Little Cooks.....Gladys Stivers, Violet Carter, Gertrude Jordan, Anna Schuur, Christine Browning, Martha Corwin, Myrtie Chambers.
Recitation—Jack Frost.....Verna Chambers.
Song—Santa Claus is Coming.....School

LINDEN AVENUE.

ROOMS 3 AND 4.

Song—Because Don't You Know 'Tis Christmas.....School
Recitation—Old Christmas.....Raymond Horton
Recitation—A Xmas Jingle.....Arthur Hyde.
Recitation—Christmas in the Morning.....Addie Benton.
Song—The Joy Bells.....Class from Room 4
Recitation—Wishing .....Margaret Hess
Recitation—Christmas.....Rose Green
Recitation—A New Santa Claus. .....Jennie Woodward.
Song—Come Back Old Santa.....Class from Room 3
Recitation—Winter.....Dora Dewitt
Recitation—The Little Girl Santa Claus Forgot .....Mabel Johnson
Exercise—Columbia and Seven Little Sisters .....Room 3
Song—Xmas Bells.....Room 4
Recitation—Who Is Coming?.....Clarton Reynolds.
Recitation—The Tale of a Stocking.....Earl Matthews.
Recitation—Lady Yeardley's Guest.....Jennie Finch.
Song—Xmas Star.....Class from Room 3.
Recitation—Grandma's Mistake.....Cora White.
Recitation—A Letter to Santa Claus.....Willie Rose.
Violin Solo.....Mary Moore
Recitation—A Surprising Secret.....Le Verna Knittin.
Song—I Think I Hear the Sleigh Bells Ringing.....School

ROOMS 1 AND 2.

Song—Little Brown Sparrows.....School.
Recitation—Watching for Santa Claus...Agnes Kennedy.
Recitation—Who Is It?.....Wilson Martin.
Recitation—A Visit from Old Santa.....Florence Hare.
Recitation—Christmas Time is Coming ...Roy Warren.
Song—There's a Jolly Old Fellow.....Trio—Room 1.
Recitation—Two Stockings.....Clara Gardiner.
Recitation—Fooling Santa Claus.....Fernon Matthias.
Song—With Guitar Accompaniment.....Class from Room No. 2.
Recitation—If I Were Only Santa Claus ..Venie Ogden.
Recitation—Christmas.....Russell Gardiner.
Recitation—'Bout a Million.....Mary Bircher.
Song—Hang Up the Baby's Stocking.....
Duet—Room No. 2.
Recitation—Christmas Fruit.....James Rorty.
Recitation—A Visit from Old Kris.....Joseph Mead.
Song—Snow Bird.....School.

After the exercises, boxes in the shape of bright colored sleds filled with candies, were distributed in all the rooms to the pupils.

Three large boxes containing toys, games, books, etc., generously contributed by the pupils of the Linden avenue school, were sent to poor children in a New York hospital, thus making the Christmas thought also a giving thought.

BENNETT HILL.

ROOM 3.

Song—Christmas Is Coming.....School.
Recitation—Winter.....Maud Deyo.
Recitation—The Blessed Story.....Hattie Hill.
Recitation—Where Santa Claus Lives.....Eveljna Guy.
Song.....
Teresa Taylor, Mabel Conklin, Lena Lowe.
Recitation—Quite Like a Stocking.....Ira Van Leuvan.
Recitation—Silent Night.....Teresa Taylor.
Song—Merry Christmas Bells Are Ringing.....
Lena Newell, Laura Welch, Lena Welch, Mary Pitroff, Carrie Barker, Martha Musgrave, Ira Van Leuvan, Maud Deyo, Hattie Hill.
Recitation—A Christmas Story.....Lena Welch.
Recitation—The Holly Wreath.....Mabel Conklin.
Song—Merry Christmas.....
Teresa Taylor, Mabel Conklin, Lena Lowe.
Recitation—The Christmas Gift.....Laura Welch.
Song—The Snow is Falling Fast.....School.
Recitation—Happy Christmas.....Anna Holmes.
Hymn for Christmas Day.....School.
Recitation—The Orphan Boy's Christmas Eve.....Mary Pitroff.
Song—Over the Snow.....School.

At the close of the exercises boxes of candy in the form of books were distributed among the pupils.

BEATTIE HILL.

Song—The Snow is Falling Fast.....School.
Recitation—Kris Kringle.....Roy Conkling.
Recitation—A Talk With Santa.....Ida O'Rourke.
Song—Old English Carol.....School.
Recitation—Jex Danforth.....
Recitation—Earl Rice.....
Song—See Amid the Winter's Snow.....
Recitation—Rock-a-bye Baby.....Lena Griffis.
Song—Chilly Little Children.....Four Girls of Room 1.
Recitation—Irene Wightman.....
Recitation—Floy Pine .....
Song—Little Jack Frost.....
Recitation—Barefoot Boy.....Olive Youmans.
Recitation—Santa Claus.....Frances Robertson.
Song—Carol, Oh Carol.....School.
Presentation of gifts.....
Song—Jolly Old St. Nicholas.....

Candy and peanuts were distributed to the pupils.

WINCHESTER BUILDING.

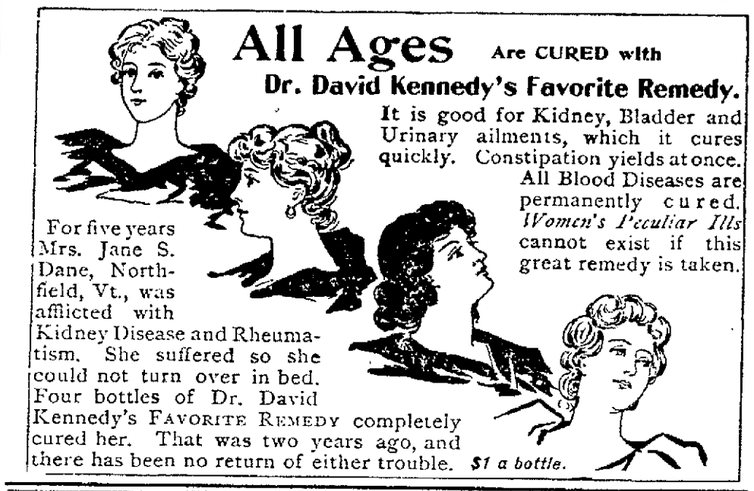
When Santa Claus Comes.....Thos. Girard.
Dolly's Washing.....Rose Martin.
The Darling Little Girl.....
Anna Quigley, Kathryn Allen, Hattie Talmage.
Golden Keys .....School.
A Letter to Santa Claus. .....Harry Horton.
The New Sled .....Wm. Herbert.
Recitation.....Lester Miller.
Recitation .....Wm. VanDerhoff.

AT THE CONVENT.

The Christmas entertainment at the Ursuline Academy was given Wednesday afternoon. Among the features were vocal solos by the Misses Marguerite and Mamie Gillson, Miss Maggie Doran, Miss Edith Walker; solo and recitation, by Miss Frances Hervey; recitation, "Curfew Will Not Ring Tonight," Miss Julia Stack (done as creditably by a girl of ten as might be expected of a girl of eighteen). She also sang a solo.

Recitations were also given by Frank Flynn, Emmet Sayre, Wm. Sparrow, Charles Rumsey. Master George Tierney, son of Alderman Tierney, of the First Ward, accompanied all of the choruses with mandolin, effectively.

Presents were then distributed from a large Christmas tree.



All Ages Are CURED with **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.**

It is good for Kidney, Bladder and Urinary ailments, which it cures quickly. Constipation yields at once. All Blood Diseases are permanently cured. *Women's Peculiar Ills* cannot exist if this great remedy is taken.

For five years Mrs. Jane S. Dane, Northfield, Vt., was afflicted with Kidney Disease and Rheumatism. She suffered so she could not turn over in bed. Four bottles of Dr. David Kennedy's FAVORITE REMEDY completely cured her. That was two years ago, and there has been no return of either trouble. *$1 a bottle.*

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MRS. FRANKLIN FREEMAN.
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AT the old stand again—Best pork, lamb and poultry for Christmas, cheap for cash. 1td R. BERTSON, 124 East Main street.

ROBERTSON'S Sausage is just right, clean and sweet. Sure to be eat. Try it. The old stand, 124 East Main street. 1t

TURKEY Raffle, Franklin House, corner Union and Franklin streets, to-night. Free chowder. 27d3t

RAFFLE, to-night, at 5 John street. 1t

DR. T. C. ROYCE and DR. A. FREEMAN FOOTE, Dentists. Offices over National Express Co., Franklin Square, Middletown. d&w

TURKEY RAFFLE TO-NIGHT at 146 North street. 24d6t

BLUE Point and Rockaway Oysters on the half shell for the holidays, delivered to any part of city, at TOTTEN'S, opposite Casino. 26d3t

THERE are many new designs in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

A SPLENDID Line of elegant Sachet Powder (for the ladies' use in making Christmas gifts, composed of trailing arbutus, white rose, heliotrope, violet blue lilies, frangipanni, jockey club, etc., at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled. 8663mFeb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 93 Wickham Ave

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 7SdlyOc23,98

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 8. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL."

Madden and Adams, Billie and Clara, in a new and original comedy sketch, entitled: "A Rough Introduction," replete with songs, dialogue and dancing.

P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show.

For Christmas.

Florida and Jamaica Oranges, Celery, Cranberries, Lemons, Table Raisins and Cooking Raisins.

English Walnuts 10c a Pound.

Soft Shell Almonds Two Pounds for 25 Cents.

Pure Mixed and Cream Candies 10c a pound. Finest Creamery Butter 25c a pound Good Dairy Butter 20, 22 and 23c a pound. Fine Java, Mocha and Maracaibo Coffee.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.

The Middletown Savings Bank. 57th Dividend.

December 23d, 1897.

The Trustees of this bank have declared interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum up to $1,000 and on the excess 3 per cent. up to $3,000 on all sums entitled thereto, for the six months ending on the 31st, payable on and after the third Monday in January next. Money deposited on or before Jan. 10th will draw interest from the 1st.

ALBERT BULL, President.
D. H. BAIDEY, Treasurer 28d2t&1tw

Orange Co. Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

Deposits made with this company between January 1st and 10th draw interest from the 1st, otherwise interest begins on date of deposit. Pass books will have accrued interest entered upon presentation after Jan. 15th.
25dtoJan10 G. SPENCER COWLEY, Secretary.

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100 turkeys at 15c a pound, geese 11c., ducks 15c., chickens 13c., prime rib roasts 12c., round steak 12c., plates of beef 5c. chuck steak 10c. Everything goes at hard times prices, and the best Chicago beef that money can buy. Give me a call.

R. Dugdale, W. Main and Union St

CHOICE PERFUMES make desirable Christmas gifts for young and old, but not GOOD. There is any quantity of cheap, trashy stuff offered in dry goods and bargain stores. We will be pleased to show you our line of really fine perfumes, ranging in price from 25c to $2.50. Call in and see them at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

FINE Christmas Presents—Old violins $2 and $5, mandolins $1 to $3, banjos $2 to $3, and extra fine zither and case, 52 strings, only $5.50, seldom get such a fine instrument. EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of F. CUMMINGS, 160 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 7sdtf

PERFUMES in Bulk—Woodworth's best triple extracts, Violet of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk, Lily of the Valley, Crab Apple Blossom, Frangipanni, White Rose, Stephanotis, Heliotrope, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you. CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

WANTED on Bond and Mortgage—$2,500, 5 per cent., security worth $8,000, in this city; also $1,500 wanted, 6 per cent. MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street. dtf

ECZEMA, Rheumatism and Paralysis cured Call at 12 Highland avenue. DR. M. L. DEVESSEY.

Reduced Prices on Christmas Stock!

Notwithstanding our large sale of holiday goods, we will cut prices on remaining stock to make a

Clean Sweep To-morrow, Friday.

Toys, Dolls, Games

that have been 5c reduced to 3c
8c goods will be 6c., 10c goods 8c., 25c goods 19c and so on.

Celluloid Novelties, Perfumes.

A straight discount of 10 per cent. will be made.

Handkerchiefs.

25c embroidered, cotton and silk, now 19c; 48c silk handkerchiefs, now 39c.; 12½c handkerchiefs at 10c.; men's all linen handkerchiefs at 10c.

Japanese Ware.

Cups and saucers were 25c., now 19c.; cups and saucers were 15c., now 10c; Satsuma Vases per pair, were 29c., now 20c; do, were 35c, now 25c; do., were 40c, now 30c.; Kiro Vases were 60, 75c. $1, now 48, 59, 75c.

ECONOMY STORE,

118 North St., Middletown

Collectors Notice!

Having received the tax warrant for the town of Wallkill, I will receive taxes beginning MONDAY, Dec 20, 1897, and for thirty days thereafter at one per cent. at the office of Crans & Sanford in the village of Circleville, N. Y., except the following dates when I will be at the places named:
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1897, at the hotel of M. S. Askew, Fair Oaks, N. Y.
Friday, Dec. 24, 1897, at King's Hotel, Howells Depot, N. Y.
Monday, Dec. 27, 1897, at the hotel of L. V. Bauer, in Phillipsburgh, N. Y.
Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1897, at the residence of Dr. A. C. Santee, in Scotchtown, N. Y.
Thursday, Dec 23, 1897, and Monday, Jan 17, 1898, at the Merchant and Manufacturers' National Bank, Middletown, N. Y.
Monday, Jan. 10, 1898, at the residence of Andrew Crans, Crystal Run, N. Y.
Thursday, Jan. 13, 1898, at the hotel of Charles Reiffer, Mechanictown, N. Y.
The hours for receiving taxes will be from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
All tax remaining unpaid at the end of thirty days will be charged for at the rate of five per cent.
W. F. CRANS, Collector for the town of Wallkill. 23,25,sw10Jan17

HOLIDAY SALE—We will sell all our Felt, Chenille and Velvet Hats at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent. Also great reductions on birds, plumes, sweeps and fancy feathers. This is to reduce our stock and induce you to buy your hats here for Christmas gifts. See our stamped linens and embroidery silks. Ribbons sold cheap for fancy work. 50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

A. M AMBLER.

Free Courtesy to Our Customers

We take great pleasure in showing our complete stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Opera Glasses, etc., in the latest designs and patterns of the most reliable manufacture Also we have something that will please the eye and pocketbook in the line of Silver Novelties, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass Jars, Gold Pens, Pocketbooks and hundreds of articles which we can show you better than tell about.

Repairing and Engraving in all its branches, and fully guaranteed.

A. M. AMBLER,

JEWELER AND ENGRAVER,
50 North St., Next to Press Office

FOR CHRISTMAS!

Holly Wreaths, Mistletoe, Stars, Pine Handles, Christmas Trees, Green Roping by the yard.

Pineapples, Fancy Table Raisins, Figs, Dates, Prunes, Cape Cod Cranberries, Vineland Sweet Potatoes, Florida Oranges, Cucumbers, Mandarin Kid Glove Oranges, Fancy Table Oil, Olives, Plum Pudding, Boston Head Lettuce, Edam and Pineapple Cheese, Choice Teas and Coffees, Fancy Table Butter, etc.

CITY GROCERS.

Bull & Youngblood,

56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.

TELEPHONE CALL 55.

WANTED AT ONCE.

100 tons of Dry Bones, in large or small lots. Will pay highest cash price. Old iron, cast and wrought iron, copper, brass, zinc, lead, tin foil, and all kinds of old metal, all kinds of furs, including dog, cat and rabbit skins, rubber and other junk; also second-hand machinery, boilers and engines, including shafting, pulleys, piping bought and sold at 125 Fulton street.

HENRY MEYER.

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SPECIAL SALE OF WRAPPERS AT 98c. AND $1.48.

HART DAVIS, 45 North Street.

SPECIAL SALE OF DOLLS 15, 25, 33, 48, 69c. BEST VALUES EVER SHOWN.

WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE TO BUY IT!

The best assortment usually decides it. This store has prepared to offer something more powerful than mere assortment. It has linked economy with its vast collection. For months the work of price pressure buying has gone on to land on our counters the most remarkable Holiday Goods values in the world of retailing.

FOR MEN.

Silk Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25, 39c
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25c
Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 15, 19c
Black Cashmere Socks..... 25c
Close Roll Umbrellas..... $1.29 to $2.48
Oxidized Match Safes..... 25c
Traveling Cases..... 75c to $3.50
Collar and Cuff Boxes..... 89c up
Necktie Boxes..... 69c up
Calendar and Letter Boxes..... 48c
Glass Paper Weights..... 19c up
Wood and Silver Wells..... 19c up
Postage Stamp Boxes..... 29c
Paper Cutters..... 25, 39c
Paper Calendars..... 10c up
Pocket Scissors..... 25c
Brush Brooms, silver tipped..... 19, 25c
Match Trays..... 10 to 69c
Cigar Cutter and Ash Receiver..... $1 48
Cigar Sets..... 10, 25, 48c
Match Trays..... 19c
Playing Cards..... 39, 48c
Bag Tags..... 25, 48c
Umbrella Fasteners..... 19c
Wood Ink Wells..... 25c to $1.19
½ doz. pair Fine Cotton Hose..... $1.00
Leather Cigar Cases..... 39, 48c
Raphael Tuck Calendars..... 19c up
Silver Overcoat Holders..... 48c
Fine Hair Brushes..... 25 to 68c
Nail Files..... 25, 48c
Toothpick Holders..... 10c
Holiday Box Soap and Perfume.. 39, 49c
Night Shirts..... 49, 69c
White Shirts..... 48, 68c
Smoking Sets..... 25, 48c
Men's Suspenders 15c., 2 for..... 25c
Fine Undershirts and Drawers.... 75, 98c
Whist Markers..... 48c

FOR CHILDREN.

Tin Trumpets..... 5, 10, 15, 25c
Circle Railways..... 48, 98c., $1.48
Large Box Paints..... 10c
Toy Sad Irons..... 5, 10, 15, 25c
Magic Lanterns..... 48c to $1.98
Doll Houses..... 48, 98c
Doll Swings..... 15, 25c
Toy Guns..... 10c
Electric Fountains..... 48c
Magic Boxes..... 48c
Drums..... 19c up
Christmas Tree Candles..... 10c a box
Marble Arch..... 15c
Punch and Judy..... 25c
Black Boards..... 19c up
Drawing Slates..... 5, 10c
Targets..... 5, 10c
Iron Horse and Surrey..... 25c
Wood Carts..... 10c up
Iron Carts..... 25c up
Juvenile Books..... 5 to 48c
Toy Dishes..... 5 to 98c
Iron Trains..... 19c to $2 98
Mechanical Engine..... 48c
Iron Ranges..... 25c to $1.48
Iron Banks..... 10 to 98c
Iron Boats..... 25, 48c
Crandell's Treasure Box..... 48c
Toy Tool Chests..... 25, 98c
Harmonicas..... 5, 10, 15c
Rubber Balls..... 10, 15, 25c
Ten Pins..... 10, 25, 48 69c
Hair Horses..... 19c to $1.25
Noah Arks..... 25 to 98c
Toy Laundry Sets..... 15c
Toy Forts..... 25c to $2.98
Tin Stoves..... 10 to 48c
Musical Tops..... 5, 10, 15, 25c
Blocks, all kinds..... 5 to 48c
Games, 50 kinds..... 5c up
Toy Accordeons..... 25c
Soldier Sets..... 25, 48, 98c
Knit Dolls..... 5, 10, 25, 39c
Kid Body Dolls, special..... 15, 25, 48c
Dressed Dolls, special..... 15, 33, 69c
Doll Trunks..... 39 to 98c
Doll Cradles..... 25, 48c

FOR WOMEN.

Sterling Silver Paper Cutters..... 25, 50c
Sterling Silver Nail Files..... 25, 48c
Sterling Silver Cuticle..... 25, 50c
Sterling Silver Scissors..... 75c
Sterling Silver Stocking Darners..... 48c
Sterling Silver Pen Knife..... 25c
Sterling Silver Book Marks..... 25c
Hand Mirrors..... 10, 15, 19, 48, 69, 98c
Silver Top Puff Boxes..... 48c
Bohemian Puff and Jewel Boxes 69, 98c., $1.19
Hat Brushes..... 19, 48c
Dressing Sets, brush, comb and mirror, 98c., $1.19, $1.48, $1.68
Silver Ink Wells..... 19, 25, 48
Silver Jewel Boxes..... 15, 98c
Postage Stamp and Pen Boxes... 19, 25c
Raphael Tuck & Son's Fine Booklets and Calendars..... 5c up
Fine Umbrellas..... $1.48, $1.98, $2.48
Picture Frames..... 19, 25, 39c
Special Jardeniers..... 10, 25, 39, 49, 79c
Fine Holiday Perfumes..... 25, 39, 49c
Prepared Palms..... 95c., $1.15
Candle Sticks, with Candles..... 19, 25c
Nickle Nut Picks..... 10c a set
Nut Picks and Cracker..... 25, 39, 48c
Fine Box Papers..... 15, 25, 49c
Silver Novelty Lamps..... 25c
Glass Night Lamps, with 5 oz. lemon or vanilla extract..... 25c
Special Hair Brushes..... 25, 39, 48, 68c
Handsome Underskirts..... 98c to $1.98
Pretty Dressing Sacques..... 98c to $1.48
Handsome Wrappers..... 98c., $1.48
Special White Aprons..... 25, 48c
Elegant Silk Waist Patterns, 5 yds., all linings..... $4.98
Handsome Dress Patterns, all linings..... $4.98, $5.98, $6.98
Fine Pocketbooks..... 25, 48c
Special Handkerchiefs..... 10, 15, 25, 48c

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